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Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God in Word and Sacrament at 11:00 a.m.

April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude O For a Thousand Tongues (Azmon) Carl Gläser; arr. Jason Payne

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 478 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven Lauda Anima

Easter Greeting

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen.**)

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of the bread.
Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see Christ in all his redeeming work, who
lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

An Affirmation of Faith for Easter Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Unison: **That I belong, body and soul, in life and in death,**

not to myself, but to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ,

who at the cost of his own blood, has fully paid for all my sins

and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil;

that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven

not a hair can fall from my head.

Indeed, everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.

Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life

and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready

from now on to live for him.

Pastor: The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Passing of the Peace

(Worshippers safely greet one another with the peace of Christ and then sit for the announcements.)

Welcome, Announcements, and a Word to Children

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

Unison

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?

How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;

The Lord hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin; meditate on your bed and be still.

Offer right sacrifices and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!

Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"

You have put gladness in my heart,

more than when grain and wine abound.

I will lie down and sleep in peace;

for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Musical Meditation Trust arr. by Barbara Brocker & Guy Shepherd

(My Faith Looks Up to Thee; Amazing Grace; Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us)

Bob Vawter and Rickie Cooke, Hand Bells

Epistle

1 John 3:1-7

Gospel

Luke 22:14-20; 24:36-48

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 144

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Hyfrydol

The congregation sits.

Sermon

How Important Is Food?

Dr. LindaJo McKim

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 504

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Union Seminary

Nicene Creed

Unison; Hymnal, page 15, Ecumenical

Gloria for Easter Season

Refrain of Hymn 122

Judas Maccabeus

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son.

Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

Offertory Sentence

Offertory This Joyous Eastertide (Vruechten, Dutch 17th c.) George Woodward

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology for Easter Season (to the tune of Hymn 455) Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The congregation sits.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Please observe physical distancing of six feet as you come to one of the tables.

Carefully take a piece of bread, and/or a small cup.

Eat and drink while at the table and place the empty cup in the basket provided.

All Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Benediction

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 509

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Cross of Jesus

The congregation is encouraged to be seated for the postlude,

or you may depart the sanctuary quickly and quietly now if you need to.

Postlude God of Grace and God of Glory (CWM Rhondda) John Hughes

arr. A.L. Page

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church as the Easter season continues.

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him; Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Henry Francis Lyte, 1834; alt;

Tune: LAUDA ANIMA, John Goss, 1869

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne!
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone!
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation Hath redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him, When the forty days were o'er.
Shall our hearts forget His promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of angels, Thou on earth our food, our stay.
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to Thee from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, plead for me.
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Thy footstool, heaven Thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim In the eucharistic feast.

Text: William Chatterton Dix, 1866;

Tune: HYFRYDOL; Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, For when humbly in Your name
Two or three are met together, You are in the midst of them.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup.

Alleluia! Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living Make as sacraments of You,
That by caring, helping, giving, We may be disciples true.

Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1931; alt.; Tune: UNION SEMINARY; Harold Friedell, 1957

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

For the bread which You have broken, For the wine which You have poured,
For the words which You have spoken, Now we give You thanks, O Lord.

By this promise that You love us, By Your gift of peace restored,
By Your call to heaven above us, Hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With the saints who now adore You Seated at the heavenly board,
May the church still waiting for You Keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In Your service, Lord, defend us; In our hearts keep watch and ward;
In the world to which You send us Let Your kingdom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis FitzGerald Benson, 1924; alt.

Tune: CROSS OF JESUS; John Stainer, 1887