

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 Brock & 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.