#### **CHURCH SESSION**

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# **Grace Presbyterian Church**

Worships God in Word and Sacrament at 11:00 a.m. May 8, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter/Good Shepherd Sunday

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

**Prelude** Brother James's Air James L. M. Bain, 1915; arr. Gene Roberson

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 111 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing Gelobt Sei Gott

**Opening Sentences** 

**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.**) Jesus, Good Shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold: Feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us that we may be with you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit. **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 and Announcements

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Kaylee Omaah Awaiwing Eno and Liam Ogwandi Eno,

Daughter and son of Colins and Awaiwing Eno

Scripture Sentences and Statement on the Nature of Baptism

Presentation of the Candidate for Baptism

Elder Akwi Aseh

Questions to the Parents

The congregation stands.

Question to the Congregation

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Kaylee and Liam by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of Christ's church? If so, answer, "We do."

Prayer of Thanksgiving Over the Water

**Baptism** 

Statement of Reception concluding with the congregation saying:

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

The congregation sits.

Prayer for the Newly Baptized, their Family, and all Families

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

A Baptism Offering for the Blessing that Kaylee and Liam Are to Us

As the Holy Spirit leads, you may place a thanksgiving offering in one of the offering plates located on the Communion table or the tables to your left, right, and behind you. This offering will go to Grace Presbyterian Church.

Anthem

Thank You, Lord Don Moen and Paul Baloche Sung by Awaiwing Eno

The children come to the Baptismal Font for a

Time for Young Christians

**Prayer for Illumination** 

First Lesson Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23 (KJV)

Unison

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

He leadeth me beside the still waters;

He restoreth my soul;

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.

For Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Anthem Sheep May Safely Graze J.S. Bach; arr. John A. Dempsey

Rickie Cooke, baritone horn; Susan Steppe, piano

**Epistle** Revelation 7:9-17 **Gospel** John 10:22-30

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 170** The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want Crimond The congregation sits.

Sermon Christian Nurture Mike Krech

"My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 172** My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Resignation

Apostles' Creed Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional 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.

Offertory Our Savior, Our Shepherd: A Meditation arr. Gayden Likes

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 God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Benediction

Hymn 495 We Know That Christ Is Raised Engelberg

Worshipers are encouraged to be seated for the postlude or may depart now if necessary.

Postlude Come, Thou Fount (Nettleton) John Wyeth; arr. Jason D. Payne

## Hymn Texts for Online Worship

## Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord of life is risen today! Bring flowers of song, bedeck the way; Let every tongue rejoice and say: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory That love, that life which cannot die, And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy name we bless, O risen Lord, And sing today with one accord The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1931, alt;

Tune: GELOBT SEI GOTT; Melchior Vulpius, 1609; as in Pilgrim Hymnal, 1958

## The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again; And me to walk doth make Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear none ill; For Thou art with me; and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes; My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me; And in God's house forevermore My dwelling place shall be.

Text: Scottish Psalter, 1650;

Tune: CRIMOND; Jessie Seymour Irvine, 1872; Harm. T.C.L. Pritchard, 1929

## My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name: In pastures fresh He makes me feed Beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back When I forsake His ways; And leads me, for His mercy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death Your presence is my stay; One word of Your supporting breath Drives all my fears away. Your hand, in sight of all my foes, Does still my table spread; My cup with blessings overflows, Your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God Attend me all my days; O may Your house be my abode, And all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, While others go and come; No more a stranger or a guest, But like a child at home.

Text: Paraphrase of Psalm 23 by Isaac Watts, 1719; alt, 1972; Tune: RESIGNATION; Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835; Harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1986

#### We Know That Christ Is Raised

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death He broke its fearful hold; And our despair He turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

We share by water in His saving death. Reborn we share with Him an Easter life As living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life. The Spirit's power shakes the church of God. Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood. The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia! Amen.

Text: John Brownlow Geyer, 1969;

Tune: ENGELBERG; Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904