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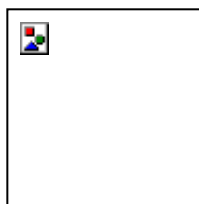
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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in C J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 150

Come Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

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**.)

We behold your glory, O God, in the love shown by your Son, lifted up on the cross and exalted on high. Be glorified anew in the love we have for one another as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **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 children come to the Baptismal Font for a
Time for Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel

John 13:31-35

Psalm 148

Unison

Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

Praise God, all his angels; praise God, all his host!

Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars.

Praise God, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for God commanded and they were created.

God established them forever and ever,

and fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

**fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command,
mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars.**

wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds.

kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth.

young men and women alike, old and young together.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted.

God's glory is above earth and heaven.

God has raised up a horn for all people, for all the faithful,

for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord.

Anthem Love One Another with Love Round Luacine Clark Fox (1914-2002)

Daniel Whitaker, soloist arr. and additional text, Susan Steppe

Love, Christians, this is your call. Love your neighbor as yourself, for God loves us all. As I have loved you, love one another. By this shall all know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another. The Son of Man has been glorified. God has been glorified in the Son. Now I must leave you with this final commandment. You must show love for one another.

Epistle

Revelation 21:1-6

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 453

O Holy City, Seen of John

Morning Song

The congregation sits.

Lesson from Acts

Acts 11:1-18

Sermon

What Do We Need to Un-learn?

Mike Krech

“But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’”
Acts 11:8-9

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

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.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

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

Offertory

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples (Tune:Kingsfold)

arr. Stephen Buttonwood

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 121

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright Puer Nobis Nascitur

Worshippers are encouraged to be seated for the postlude,

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

Postlude

O Zion Haste

James Welch, 1875

arr. Dick Torrans

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today is the fifth Sunday of the season of Easter, also called Eastertide, which extends from Easter Day, April 17, through the 50th day of Easter, the Day of Pentecost, June 5, 2022. We celebrate this joyful season of the resurrection victory through our hymns, the Gloria and Doxology for the season, and an affirmation of faith in place of a prayer of confession. It is a custom in the church of long standing to omit confession of sin during the Easter season as an affirmation of the complete victory over sin won for us by the Risen Lord.

JMK

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!
Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end; Alleluia! Amen!
Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

Text: Christian Henry Bateman, 1843;
Tune: MADRID; Spanish folk melody;
arr. Benjamin Carr, 1824; Harm. David Evans, 1927

O Holy City, Seen of John

O holy city, seen of John, Where Christ the Lamb does reign,
Within whose four-square walls shall come No night, nor need, nor pain.
And where the tears are wiped from eyes That shall not weep again!
O shame to us who rest content While lust and greed for gain
In street and shop and tenement Wring gold from human pain,
And bitter lips in blind despair Cry, "Christ has died in vain."
Give us, O God, the strength to build The city that has stood
Too long a dream, whose laws are love, Whose ways are servanthood,
And where the sun that shines becomes God's grace for human good.
Already in the mind of God That city rises fair.
Lo, how its splendor challenges The souls that greatly dare,
And bids us seize the whole of life And build its glory there.

Text: Walter Russell Bowie, 1909; alt;
Tune: MORNING SONG; Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813;
Harm. C. Winifred Douglas, 1940

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down.
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast.
Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never, Never-more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1747;

Tune: HYFRYDOL; Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

That Easter day with joy was bright, The sun shone out with fairer light,
When, to their longing eyes restored, Th'apostles saw their risen Lord.

O Jesus, King of gentleness, Do all our inmost hearts possess,
And we to You will ever raise The tribute of our grateful praise.

From every weapon death can wield, Your own redeemed forever shield;
O Lord of all, with us abide In this our joyful Eastertide.

Text: Latin hymn, 5th century; Trans. John Mason Neale, 1852, alt.;

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR; Trier ms., 15th century;

Adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609; Harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1910