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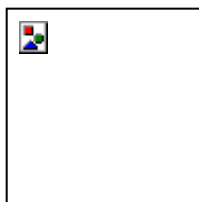
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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Holy God, We Praise Your Name (Grosser Gott) arr. Diane Bish

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 455 All Creatures of Our God and King Lasst Uns Erfreuen

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**.)

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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 and Announcements

The children come to the Baptismal Font for a
Time for Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Unison

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 267

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Royal Oak

The congregation sits.

Epistle

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Anthem

In Paradisum

Requiem in D Minor, Opus 48

Sung by Evie Mayne

Gabriel Faure, 1888

Latin: In Paradisum deducant angeli; in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres,
et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem.

Chorus angelorum te suscipiat,

et cum Lazaro quondam paupere, aeternam habeas requiem.

Let the angels lead you into paradise; At your coming may the martyrs receive you,
and bring you to the holy city Jerusalem.

May the chorus of angels receive you,

and with Lazarus, who was once poor, may you have eternal rest.

Gospel

John 5:1-9

Sermon

I Was Misinformed

Mike Krech

“... for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and stirred up the water;
whoever stepped in first after the stirring of the water was made well...” John 5:4

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 390

O Savior in This Quiet Place

St. Stephen

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

Give Me Jesus

traditional African-American song

arr. Fernando Ortega

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 123

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

Worshipers are encouraged to be seated for the postlude,

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

Postlude

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (St. Denio) arr. Don Wyrzten

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today is the sixth 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 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. Today's hymns reflect another theme for the sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Days, the three weekdays prior to Ascension Day, were given to prayer for a fruitful season of planting and harvest. The first and second hymns today celebrate God's creation of and care for the world. Ascension Day, the 40th day of Easter, is Thursday, May 26, 2022.

JMK

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O sing ye! Alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright, That givest us both warmth and light,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou fertile earth, that day by day Unfoldest blessings on your way,
O sing ye! Alleluia!

The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, Let them God's glory also show!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And everyone of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part.
O sing ye! Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and cast on God your care!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All creatures, your Creator bless, And worship God in humbleness.
O sing ye! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1225; Trans. and para. William Henry Draper, c. 1910, alt.;

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN; *Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623; alt.;

Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful: The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings:
God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings. Repeat refrain.

The purple headed mountain, The river running by,
The sunset and the morning That brightens up the sky. Repeat refrain.

The cold wind in the winter, The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one. Repeat refrain.

God gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well. Repeat refrain.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848;

Tune: ROYAL OAK; English melody, 17th century, Adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915;

Harm. For *The Hymnbook*, 1953

O Savior, in This Quiet Place

O Savior, in this quiet place, Where anyone may kneel.

I also come to ask for grace, Believing You can heal.

If pain of body, stress of mind, Destroys my inward peace,
In prayer for others may I find The secret of release.

If self upon its sickness feeds And turns my life to gall,
Let me not brood upon my needs, But simply tell You all.

You never said, "You ask too much," To any troubled soul.
I long to feel Your healing touch; Will You not make me whole?

But if the thing I most desire Is not Your way for me,
May faith, when tested in the fire, Prove its integrity.

Of all my prayers, may this be chief: Till faith is fully grown,
Lord, disbelieve my unbelief, And claim me as Your own.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1974; alt. 1988;

Tune: ST. STEPHEN; William Jones, 1789

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant, holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!

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

Text: stanzas 1-3, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740;

Tune: EASTER HYMN;

Lyra Davidica, 1708; Adapted from *The Compleat Psalmodist*, 1749)