



GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
A Stephen Ministry Congregation
Service for the Lord's Day with Communion
March 31, 2024 – Easter Sunday
Rev. Robin Palmer – Pastor
Jamie Clay – Director of Music Ministries Brenda Davis - Organist
Martie Kullman – Handbell Choir Director



ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

The People Gather and Welcome One Another

[Glory to you, O God: you have won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life. Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth. Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.]

Prelude “To God Be the Glory” Edward Broughton

Welcome and Invitation to Share Our Life Together
(Please sign and pass the attendance register)

Minute for Mission One Great Hour of Sharing

Introit “Easter Joy” Anna Laura Page

Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Let us worship God!

✠ Hymn No. 123

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

✠ *Rise in body or in spirit*

✠ Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

✠ A Time of Silence for Private Confession

✠ Hymn No. 572

“ Lord Have Mercy Upon Us”

✠ Assurance of Forgiveness

✠ Hymn No. 579

“Glory Be to the Father”

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 25: 6-9

Bible Page 652, O.T.

Psalms 118: 1-2, 14-24

Bible Page 565, O.T.

Anthem

“He is Not Here! He Has Risen!”

Allen Pote

Children’s Time

Gospel Lesson

John 20: 1-18

Bible Page 114, N.T.

Sermon

“I Have Seen the Lord”

Rev. Robin Palmer

Meditative Music

“It Is Well with My Soul”

Philip Bliss

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

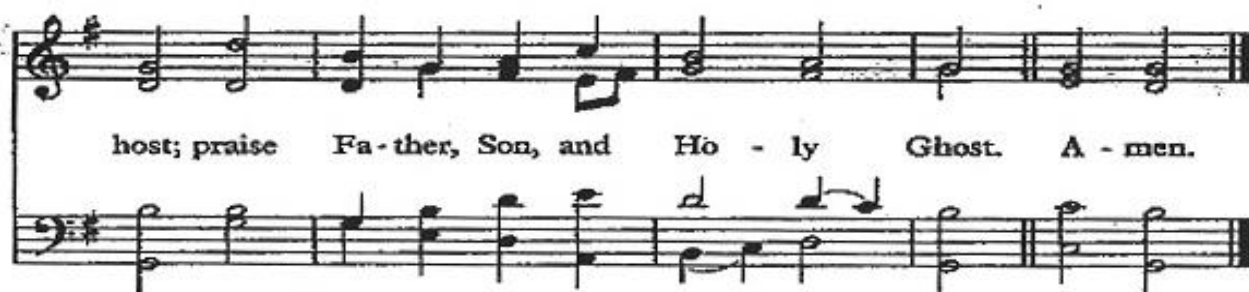
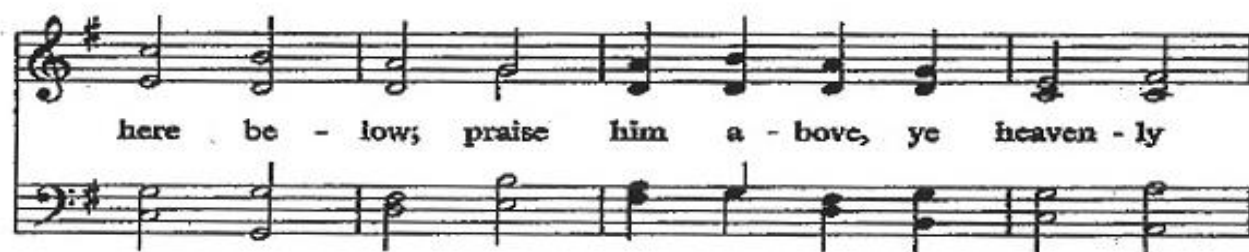
✠ Affirmation of Faith (Nicene Creed – Ecumenical version) Hymnal, Page 15

The Offering

Offertory "Let the Love in my Heart Shine Thru to You" R.J. Fryson

✠ Hymn No. 592* "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"
* sung to the tune of Hymn No. 591

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674
MUSIC: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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Offertory Prayer

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

. . . of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Capo 3: (Em) Gm (D) F (C) Eb (D) F (Em) Gm (Am) Cm

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

(Em) Gm (Am6) Cm6 (B7) D7 (Em) Gm (D) F

pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are

(C) Eb (D) F (Em) Gm (Am) Cm (D) F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

(Em) Gm (D) F (Em) Gm (D) F (C) Eb

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(D) F (A) C (Am) Cm (D) F

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(Em) Gm (Am) Cm (D) F (Bm7) Dm7 (E) G

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

. . . Great is the mystery of faith:

Hymn

“Christ Has Died, Christ Has Risen”

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (A)
 Gm F B^b Cm Gm D E^b F C

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (Bm7) (E)
 Gm F B^b Cm Gm D E^b F Dm7 G

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional version)

Hymnal, Page 16

The Words of Institution

COMMUNION

[Each serves your neighbor the bread and wine, saying: **“THE BREAD OF HEAVEN”** and **“THE CUP OF SALVATION.”** The other responds: **“THANKS BE TO GOD”** or **“AMEN.”** The bread is eaten as it is served. Please hold the cup so that we may drink together. We eat the bread individually as a symbol of God's grace given to each of us. We drink together as a symbol of our unity in the family of God. NOTE: wine is in the outer row of cups; grape juice is in all others.]

Hymn No. 597

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

Prayer after Communion

Here at this table we celebrate resurrection as you feed us with bread and wine. And as much as we might prefer to stay here in this protected place, you send us back to our work—only it is no longer the same work because we know you are with us and in us, shaping and transforming us to be your witnesses in the world. Nourished in body, mind, and spirit, may all that we say and do give you glory. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

✠ Hymn No. 118

“The Day of Resurrection!”

✠ Call to Service

May the steadfast love of the Lord be yours,
this day and forever.

Christ is risen! Do not be afraid.

Go and tell this good news to all.

Alleluia! Amen.

✠ Benediction

“Hallelujah!” from Messiah

G.F. Handel
piano, Barbara Hicks

✠ Postlude

“Jesus Shall Reign”

Gayden Fikes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR LITURGIST TODAY is Judy Rich.

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY by Marsha Latham to the Glory of God and in honor of Jackson Latham's birthday.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY: Thank you to all who have donated books to the library. We currently have plenty of adult and young adult (grades 5-12) books, but we can use more young children's books. We will run out within the next week or two. Donation box is in the church office. Thank you!

HARVEST OF GRACE COMMUNITY GARDEN: If yesterday's work day in the Harvest of Grace Community Garden was rained out, it will be rescheduled to Saturday, April 6th, at 10:00 am.

OFFICE HOURS: Robin will be on vacation April 1-7 and will be available for emergencies by cell phone. Alex will be in the office Wednesday and Thursday, 9am—2pm.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP will be this Monday, April 1st, at 6:30pm.

LECTIONARY READINGS for Next Week:

Isa. 65:17-25 Ps. 3 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today, Mar 31 EASTER SUNDAY
9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Easter egg hunt
11:00 a.m. Worship (in-person and livestreamed)**

Monday, Apr 1
6:30 p.m. Caregivers Support Group

Tuesday, Apr 2
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon (in person and ZOOM)

Wednesday, Apr 3
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal

Thursday, Apr 4
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon (ZOOM Only)
4:00 p.m. Barbershop Quartet rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Voice Choir rehearsal

Donate to Grace Presbyterian now!



Sunday, Apr 7 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:30–10:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship (in-person and livestreamed)**

Grace Presbyterian supports the following ministries: Enable of Madison County, Presbyterian Home for Children, and St. Elizabeth Food Bank. The produce from the Harvest of Grace Community Garden is donated to the hungry of Madison County.

**** hearing devices, large print bulletins, and large print hymnals are available upon request**

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Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7 with alleluias

Stanzas 1-3, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708
 Stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740

Lyra Davidica, 1708
 Adapted from *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749
 Desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1955

Descant

1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as God's love; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky He's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

EASTER

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

I Come with Joy

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DOVE OF PEACE 8.6.8.6.6

Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1977

American folk melody
Arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, For - giv - en, loved, and
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near To find, as all are
 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, Each proud di - vi - sion
 4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence, al - ways
 5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, We'll go our dif - ferent

free, In awe and won - der to re - call His
 fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love In
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, And
 near, Is in such friend - ship bet - ter known: We
 ways, And as His peo - ple in the world, We'll

life laid down for me, His life laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, In Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 stran - gers now are friends, And stran - gers now are friends.
 see and praise Him here, We see and praise Him here.
 live and speak His praise, We'll live and speak His praise.

Alternate tune: LAND OF REST, 522

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The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6 D

John of Damascus (c. 675-749)

Trans. John Mason Neale, 1862

Henry Thomas Smart, c. 1835

1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, That we may see a - right
 3. Now let the heavens be joy - ful, Let earth the song be - gin,

The Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The Pass - o - ver of God.
 The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light;
 Let the round world keep tri - umph, And all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, From this world to the sky,
 And, lis - tening to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen Their notes of glad - ness blend,

Our Christ hath brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
 His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
 For Christ the Lord is ris - en, Our joy that hath no end.