



GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 14th, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

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Jamie Clay – Director of Music Ministries

Brenda Davis - Organist

Martie Kullman – Handbell Choir Director



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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

The People Gather and Welcome One Another

[Redeeming God, as we hear your Word spoken to us, open our eyes to see the risen Christ, open our ears to hear the good news of his salvation for all the world, and open our minds to understand the mysteries of your love. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.]

Prelude "The Lost Chord" Arthur Sullivan

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

Introit "Ring Praises" Sallie Lloyd
Handbell Choir

Call to Worship

The Lord hears us when we call:

Come, let us put our trust in God.

The Lord fills our hearts with gladness:

Come, let us sing God's praises with shouts of joy!

The Lord grants peace to our weary souls:

Come, let us rest by the quiet waters of God's grace.

Let us worship God!

✠ Hymn No. 108 "Christ is Alive!"

✠ Prayer of Confession

Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts. But you are not troubled by them. You do not require perfect understanding. Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again that we might come to know you. Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck, when fear prevents us from loving all creation as you call us to do. Help us to accept the peace you so graciously offer to us. Have mercy on us when we hoard or hide it, when we fail to offer it to others. Renew us and make us whole that in this world of strife we may be bearers of your peace.

✠ *Rise in body or in spirit*

✠ 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”

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the
Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is
now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Glory Be to the Father" by Henry W. Greatorex (1851). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men."

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Lesson

Acts 3:12-19

Bible Page 120, N.T.

Psalm 4 (read responsively)

Bible Page 490, O.T.

Anthem

“Blessing”

Susan Ullom-Berns
Handbell Choir

Children's Time

Gospel Lesson

Luke 24: 36b-48

Bible Page 90, N.T.

Sermon

“You are Witnesses”

Rev. Robin Palmer

Meditative Music

“Leave it There”

Phillip N. Davis

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

‡ Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed – Traditional version) Hymnal, Page 14

‡ Hymn No. 372

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

(The congregation is invited to respond with “**Lord, hear our prayer.**”)

Call to Prayer

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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional version)

Hymnal, Page 16

The Offering

Offertory

“I Really Love the Lord”

Nolan Williams

‡ Hymn No. 592

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all crea-tures

here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly

host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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

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Offertory Prayer

✠ The Peace

Since God in Christ has given us peace, let us share that peace in the whole family of faith. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Share some sign of God's peace with those near you.)

GO IN GOD'S NAME

✠ Hymn No. 121

"The Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

✠ Call to Service

Together we are the resurrected body of Christ in the world.

Wherever we go, however we live into that call, the risen Christ will be with us.

God's love will surround us, and the Spirit will breathe new life into our weary souls.

Alleluia! Amen.

✠ Benediction

"Amen"

Anonymous
Handbell Choir

✠ Postlude

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" a Sicilian melody

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

OFFICE HOURS: Robin is in the office Mon-Thurs. 9:00am-3pm, and Alex will be in Wednesday and Thursday 9:00am-2pm.

THE VINE PCC would love for you to join them at their annual fundraiser, Branches of The Vine, on Thursday April 18th from 5:30-8:00. You can purchase tickets online at <https://vinepcc.com/donate/> and go to <https://vinepcc.com/fundraiser/> for more information.

PAINTING CLASS: We are holding a painting class on Saturday, April 27 from 3:00 -5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a nominal charge for supplies. You will not have to bring anything except yourselves. Marsha Latham will be sending out an electronic sign up sheet in the near future. This is open to whoever wishes to try their hand at a spring painting. Refreshments will be provided.

SESSION MEETING will be held after worship today.

LECTIONARY READINGS for Next Week:

Acts 4:5-12

Ps. 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today, Apr. 14 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:30–10:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship (in-person and livestreamed)**

12:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Tuesday, Apr. 16

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon (in person and ZOOM)

Wednesday, Apr. 17

6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal

Thursday, Apr. 18

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. 21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:30–10:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship (in-person and livestreamed)**

12:00 p.m. Round Table and Team Meetings

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. After the service, copies of sermons are available upon request.**

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Christ Is Alive!

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TRURO LM

Thomas Williams, 1789

Brian Wren, 1968; rev.

Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)



1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound To dis - tant
3. Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, Un - touched, un -
4. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, Where col - or,



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, But sav - ing, heal - ing,
moved by hu - man pains, But dai - ly, in the
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, And touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
midst of life, Our Sav - ior in the God-head reigns.
loves the more, And lives, where ev - en hope has died.



5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring Till earth and sky and ocean ring
Good news to this and every age, With joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

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I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN Irregular

African-American spiritual

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1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In - a my heart, in - a my heart,
2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In - a my heart, in - a my heart,
3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In - a my heart, in - a my heart,
4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In - a my heart, in - a my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In - a my heart.
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In - a my heart.
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In - a my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In - a my heart.

In - a my heart, In - a my heart,
In - a my heart, In - a my heart,
In - a my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In - a my heart.
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In - a my heart.
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In - a my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In - a my heart.

121 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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

Trier ms., 15th century
 Adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609
 Harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1910

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment is written in grand staff notation (treble and bass clefs).

System 1:

Vocal line: 1. That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, The sun shone
 2. O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, Do all our
 3. From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, Your own re -

System 2:

Vocal line: out with fair - er light, When, to their long - ing eyes re -
 in - most hearts pos - sess, And we to You will ev - er
 deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with us a -

System 3:

Vocal line: stored, The a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
 raise The trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
 bide In this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.