

Grace Presbyterian Church

May 3, 2026

9:30 am

Fifth Sunday of Eastertide

WELCOME AND VISION STATEMENT

We are an open and affirming congregation.

**We genuinely welcome people of all ages,
races, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations,
beliefs,
and those who are cognitively
and or physically challenged.**

Our vision is to be a community of love and purpose,
**each one engaged in ministry,
seeking to know Christ, growing in discipleship,
and embodying God's love for the world.**



Prayer Candles

Before Worship, you may offer a prayer and light a candle at the communion table.

We Gather

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 115)

O, people of the earth, trust in the the Blessed One,

In the Holy One, who is our very life.

Open your hearts to love and find inner peace,

Through the Holy one who is our teacher.

Fear not for you life, for death is a doorway to new birth

The Beloved has shown us the way to eternal life

*Hymn #611 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Call to Confession

Let us approach God with honesty and humility trusting in God's love and mercy...Let us pray responsively

Prayer of Confession

Risen Lord Jesus, what is it that keeps us from recognizing you?

When we are so full of ourselves,

it is all too easy to block you right out of our lives.

Maybe it's the way we interpret Scripture that obscures the signs pointing to you.

Perhaps we are guilty of being slow of heart

when we don't recognise you in our neighbour,

or in the guise of the poor or the dispossessed.

Our eyes and ears have become so crammed with the sights and sounds of living that we simply fail to see you or to recognize your voice.

Risen Lord Jesus,

help us to empty ourselves of all that hinders our awareness of your presence with us.

Fill us with the joy of knowing your continuing presence, so that, like the travellers on the road to Emmaus we too, hasten to share this great good news with others. Amen.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

We know that we have been born anew

through the living and enduring word of God.

In this we recognize God's great love for the world revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus...

who came into the world not to condemn it but to save it. Thanks be to God!

— written by Moira Laidlaw, at Liturgies Online.

Hymn #243 "Be Not Afraid" (2x , remain seated)

We Reflect

Prayer of Illumination

Open our eyes, Lord.

Without the gift of your revelation,

our eyes are kept from recognizing you.

Appear before us, suddenly, unexpectedly, in all your glory.

So that we, too, may proclaim to a world in despair, that we have seen the risen Lord. Amen.

Reading from the Gospel of Luke 24:13-27

A time for Children and the Young in heart

Reading from the Gospel of Luke 24:28-35

SERMON

We Respond

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is **to Know, Love, and Serve God**

Offertory Invitation

Musical Meditation

Prayer of Dedication

(Many thanks to all who contribute to the mission and ministry of our church in offering plates during worship and by electronic giving throughout the month).

Prayers of God's People (sharing of Joys and Concerns)

Lord, in your mercy/with thanksgiving,

Hear our prayer.

*Hymn #500 "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

We Are Sent

*Hymn #257 "The Risen Christ"

*Charge and Benediction

The stone has been rolled away!

We will go to share this good news!

Jesus walks with us on our journey.

We will serve him wherever the road takes us.

Jesus has opened our eyes.

We go to love those we meet along the way.

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*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you!

And also with you.

(We invite you to offer a sign of peace to those around you and as you gather for fellowship. We remind you to ask what folks feel comfortable with...a verbal greeting, a handshake or fist bump, etc. Do not assume.)

POSTLUDE

***Indicates, please stand in body or spirit.**

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