

# *Grace* Presbyterian Church

May 18, 2025

Easter 5

9:30 am

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## WELCOME AND VISION STATEMENT

We are an open and affirming congregation.

**We genuinely welcome people of all ages,  
race, 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.**



*" Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, Luke 24:41"*

## **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

Come all who are weary of wealth, of poverty, of power,  
of struggle, of division

Come all who are heavy-laden with too much, with too  
little, with anxiety, with fear, with anger

Come all who have hope for liberation, for peace, for  
freedom, for the kingdom

Hear these words

"See, I am making all things new."

~ from I Am Making All Things New, written by Rosie Venner.

Posted on REWorship website.

\*Hymn #254 "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

### Call to Confession

You have heard what was written about Jesus in

Scripture: how he would suffer and die

and then rise from the dead on the third day;

how, through his death and resurrection,

the forgiveness of sin is now possible for all who repent.

So let us boldly approach God,

where we will find grace and mercy.

### Prayer of Confession

**God, Loving Parent, Sibling and Spirit, we come.  
Yet we know we come with doubts and fears.  
We know we come in ignorance.  
We know we have failed you, your creation and  
your people, in many ways.  
Trusting in your love, we turn again to you.  
As we open our hearts to your mercy and  
forgiveness, grant us your peace.**

*(silence is kept for personal prayers)*

**Accept these prayers,  
accept our worship,  
accept us,  
through your love,  
Amen**

— written by Jenny Adams. Posted on the Church of Scotland's  
Starters for Sunday website.

### Words of Assurance

This is the good news; The tomb is empty. The stone is rolled away. There is no darkness now, only light. God continues to renew us and restore us.

**We are forgiven, loved and restored, receiving the  
gift and promise of new life and resurrection now.**

Go and share the wondrous news of God's love in Jesus the Christ. Amen.

— written by Rev. Mindi, and posted on her Rev-o-lution blog.

Hymn #800 "Sometimes a Light Surprises " (vs.1-2 only,  
please remain seated.)

## **We Reflect**

Prayer of Illumination

**Jesus, our risen Lord,  
in our weakness, you call us,  
in our confusion, you teach us,  
in our troubles, you offer us peace.  
Meet us, your friends,  
as we come to hear your word. Amen.**

Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 3:1-16

A time for Children and the Young in heart

Reading from the Gospel of Luke 24:36-49

SERMON

\*Hymn #240 "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

## **We Respond**

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Offertory Invitation

You show us your hands,  
so we may reach out  
to mend the broken;  
you show us your feet,  
so we may walk with  
those the world passes by;  
you show us your face,  
so we may know what

our sisters and brothers look like.  
Risen Christ:  
touch us with your compassion  
That we might know your salvation  
and share it with the world.

### *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.**

### The Lord's Prayer

## **We Are Sent**

\*Hymn #239 "Good, Christian All, Rejoice and Sing"

### \*Charge and Benediction

Go out then, as witnesses of these things.  
Attend to your heart,  
worship with integrity,  
trust in the Lord.  
Proclaim forgiveness and healing in Jesus' name to all.

And may God raise you from death to life,  
from brokenness to wholeness;  
May Christ Jesus cast out your fear and doubt;

And may the Holy Spirit give your heart joy and peace.

**We go to love and serve the Lord,  
In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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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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