

# *Grace* Presbyterian Church

**1 May 2022**

**9:30 a.m.**

## **Third Sunday of Easter**

*Rooted in Christ, We Gather in Spirit.*

*Welcome to Worship!*

*The Lord's Supper Celebrated*



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# We Gather

PRELUDE

Vince DiMura

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

In the shadow of resurrection,

**we will live out our faith.**

In the crumbs of broken bread,

**we will proclaim Christ is risen.**

In the wine of the supper,

**we will trust the promise of grace.**

In the community at the empty tomb,

**we will believe what the world does not.**

In the gravestone now rolled away,

**we will break out in the joy of resurrection.**

Come, let us worship.

HYMN\*

*Longing for Light, We Wait...*

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OPENING PRAYER<sup>2</sup>

We are your witnesses, O God,  
that, in you, suffering and death  
do not have the final word.

Praise be to you, for the dawning of this new day; a  
day when gentleness rules over might, Spirit makes a  
way for true community, and love always wins. This is  
the day you have given us.

**We will rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION<sup>3</sup>

When we are quick to judge the doubts of others and are not welcoming of their questions,

**forgive us, God.**

When we are timid to speak out against injustice,

**forgive us, God.**

When we wait for proof instead of claiming your peace,

**forgive us, God.**

When we shut ourselves off from the world, and hide behind walls of fear,

**forgive us, God.**

**Forgive us and strengthen us, O God.**

## WORDS OF AFFIRMATION<sup>4</sup>

The God of resurrection is our cornerstone,  
the foundation of our strength and hope.

Let us rise and be the people of God.

Let us rise and be a living testimony of the way of  
Christ. Let us rise and join in the Spirit's song of living.

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Called to be one in Christ Jesus, we are made  
to love one another in unity and grace.

Peace be with you!

**And also with you.**



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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STATEMENT: BECOMING CHURCH- BEING BOLD IN FAITH

We proclaim:

**God has not finished with the world.**

We believe:

**God loves the world and longs for it to be reborn.**

In the good news of resurrection:

**we will work with God.**

We proclaim:

**God has not turned a back on the hungry.**

We believe:

**God longs for fields of wheat to be shared among us all.**

In the good news of resurrection:

**we will share with God.**

We proclaim:

**God has not finished with peace.**

We believe:

**God longs for peacemakers to rise and make peace once more.**

In the good news of resurrection:

**we will be peacemakers with God.**

We proclaim:

**God has not left the homeless without shelter.**

We believe:

**God longs for all to be gathered in and welcomed.**

In the good news of resurrection:

**we will welcome the stranger with God.**

We proclaim:

**God has not forgotten the poor.**

We believe:

**God longs for the rich and the poor to live more equally.**

In the good news of resurrection:

**we will change things with God.**

We proclaim:

**God has not completed the task.**

We believe:

**God longs for the reign of love to be born.**

In the good news of resurrection:

**we will be kin-dom builders with God.**

## OUR GIFTS OF SACRIFICE and THANKSGIVING

### *Invitation<sup>6</sup>*

We live in the wonderful reality of God's promise. We live in the joyous hope of God's new day. Let us give thanks to God as we share our gifts and make an offering.

*Thanks to all those whose gifts and offerings have sustained the church during these difficult times. Plates are available in the sanctuary to receive your offering. You can give online by visiting the church website.*

### *Musical Meditation Vince DiMura*

*Doxology\* Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow No. 607*

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***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

### *Prayer of Dedication\*<sup>7</sup>*

We offer these gifts to you, gracious God,  
That they may serve your purposes in the world. And  
we offer ourselves as witnesses to your love. In our  
daily living, help us witness in Christ's name and on

Christ's behalf. Amen.

## **WE ARE NOURISHED**

*The Lord's Supper Celebrated*

The Invitation

The Hymn of Welcome

*Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table #506*

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Breaking - The Pouring - The Sharing

## **We Are Sent**

CLOSING HYMN\*

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*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

BENEDICTION\*

Go forth to take part in the story of God's love. Go with courage, uplifted by the example of those who have gone before and vitalized by the mystery and possibility that lies ahead. And may God continue to bless and keep you.

**Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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