

Grace Presbyterian Church

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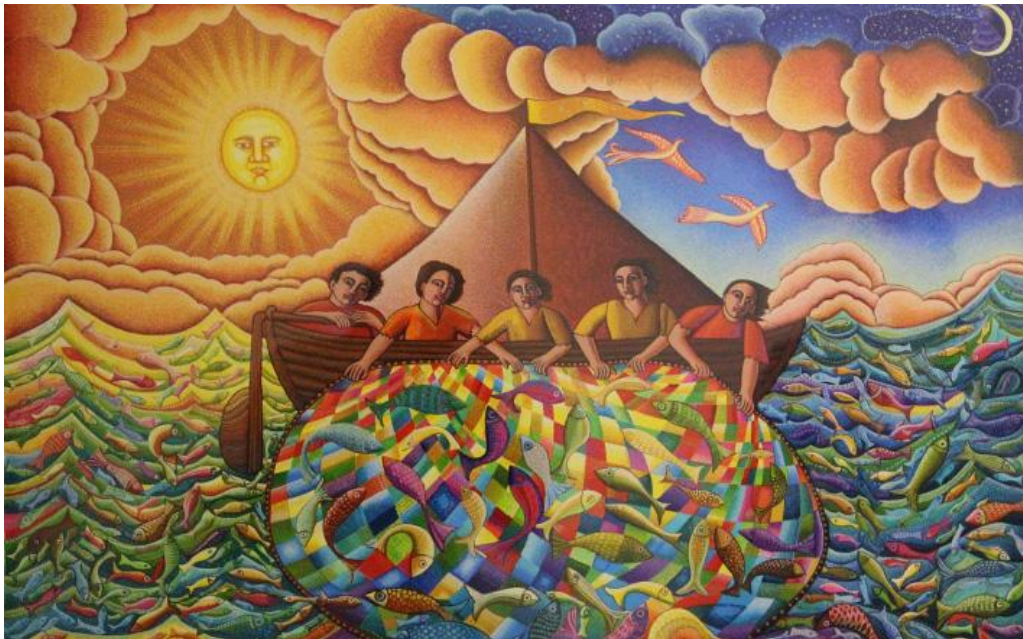
Third Sunday of Eastertide

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.**



"Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some."

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

Now is the time to sing!

to sing the good news of God:

who awakens us with dawn's embrace,

who surrounds us with joy and life.

Now is the time to offer praise to God,

in every place, with every voice:

to rejoice in the One who leads us through each moment

with a gentle hand and a word of hope.

Now is the time to join all creation in extolling God,

from the depths of the sea to the farthest galaxies:

We will sing the good news of Easter!

We will rejoice in the God who loves us.

*Opening Hymn #233 "The Day of Resurrection"

Call to Confession

God's anger lasts for just a moment, while the grace, the forgiveness, and the hope God offers never goes away.

Let us dare to bring our prayers to the One who hears us and heals us, as we pray together, saying,

Prayer of Confession

Now that Easter is done, Holy One, we no longer

hear the special music, but listen to temptation's familiar refrains. We no longer walk those straight paths of joy and wonder, but wander the crooked streets to our old haunts. Rather than living in the newness you bring, we do things the way they have always been done.

Fortunately, God of seaside breakfasts, you know the way out of our messy lives, and so take us by the hand to lead us. You wipe our busy schedules off our calendars so we may spend more time with those who need our love and attention. You challenge us to fish from the other side of our worries, so we may pull in all the grace, wonder, and mercy offered to us by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Joy comes to us this morning, and every moment of our lives. The Lamb of God has come, to share mercy and hope with us, so we can praise our God with joyous hearts.

We will lift glad songs of joy, for all the blessings God has given to us. We will offer our hearts and hands in love and serve to others. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

Hymn #750 "Goodness is Stronger than Evil"

(please stay seated and sing 2X)

We Reflect

Prayer of Illumination

May we, our God,
in the wake of Easter,

ride a wave of irrepressible hope—
rising from the deep
following the trajectory of love
over the turbulences of our living
and through the currents.

So within joy,
may we sense Your presence
hovering ever with us—
ever speaking
new creation—
ever calling us into possibility.
Amen.

~ written by John Ballenger, and posted on Preacher Musings.

Reading from First Epistle of Peter:1:13-23

A time for Children and the Young in heart

Reading from the Gospel of John 21:1-14 "Gone Fishing"

SERMON

*Hymn #254 "That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright"

We Respond

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Offertory Invitation

Musical Meditation

Prayer of Dedication

May the gifts we offer this day, Kind God, bring joy to those whose mornings are hopeless, feed those who noontimes are filled with hunger, and bring peace to those whose nights are surrounded by fears and worries. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(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 #238 "Thine is the Glory"

*Charge and Benediction

Now it is time to get up and go.

We will leave in order to follow God into the world.

Now it is time to enter the brokenness all around us.

We will go to bring the healing and peace of Jesus to all.

Now it is time to bring words of hope and grace to all.

The Spirit will give us the words we need in every moment.

(c) Thom M. Shuman, posted on Textweek.

*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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