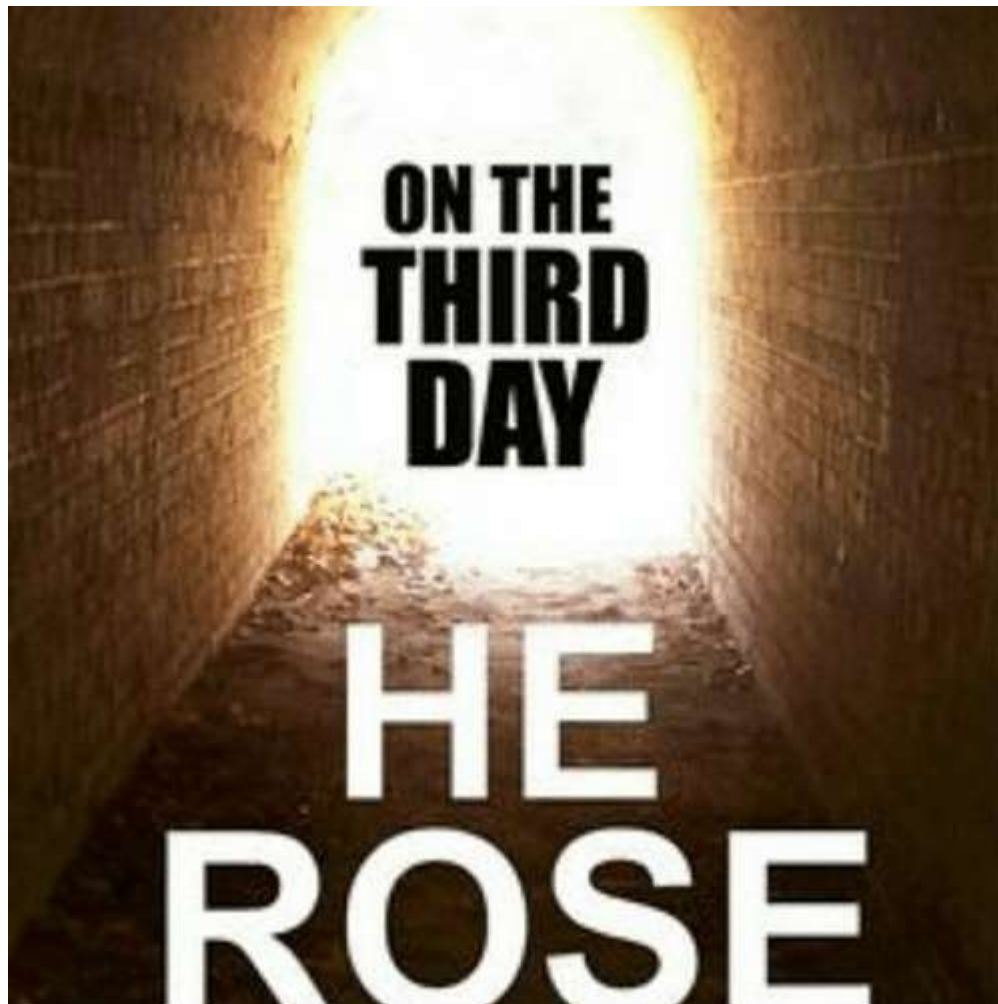


Grace Community Presbyterian Church
April 24, 2022



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

- Prelude** I Know that My Redeemer Liveth Handel
- Welcome and Announcements** Doug Marshall
- Moment For Mission Habitat For Humanity** John Tamiggi
- Call To Worship** 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 Glenn Nordmark
- L: I handed on to you what I in turn received.
P: This is the most important part, the center of our faith:
L: Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures,
P: He was buried, laid in a tomb.
L: On the third day He was raised from the dead.
P: This happened to fulfill the scriptures.
L: Christ is risen!
P: He is risen indeed!
ALL: Alleluia! Praise the Lord!
- * **Hymn of Praise** Jesus Christ Is Risen Today #360
- Prayer of Confession**
Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.
Silent Prayer of Confession...
- Assurance of Forgiveness** 1 Corinthians 15:54-57
- L: Death has been swallowed up in victory.
P: Where, O death, is your victory?
L: Where, O death, is your sting?
P: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
L: But thanks be to God who gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
P: We are forgiven!
ALL: Alleluia! Amen.
- * **Passing of the Peace**
L: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
P: And also with you.
Please pass the peace of Christ to your neighbors in the pews and introduce yourself to those you do not know.
- * **Glory Be To The Father** #813
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen. Amen.

Special Music Hallelujah, What a Savior (Christopher) Chancel Choir

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12, 36-43 (page 919 & 920)

Sermon On the Third Day He Rose

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the
Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness
of sins; the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen

*** Hymn of Response** Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks #359

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Call for Tithes and Offering

Offertory Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain Krapf

*** Doxology** #166

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*** Prayer of Dedication**

*** Hymn of Dedication** Thine Is the Glory See Insert

*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Congregational Response**

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;

Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

*** Postlude** Easter Victory Callahan

Thought for Meditation:

In the resurrection of Jesus ... we have to do with the sustaining foundation of the Christian faith. If this collapses, so does everything else which the Christian faith confesses. *Wolfhart Pannenberg*

The resurrection is never to be understood and grounded on faith; on the contrary: faith is always to be understood and grounded on the resurrection of Christ. *Jan Lochman*

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***PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church this morning. The greeters today are Bonnie Carroll, Andi Hoseholder and Cindy Irvin.

There will be Coffee Fellowship in Cana Hall after worship today. Your host(s) will be Margie Bistline.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST(S) NEEDED FOR THE MONTH OF MAY: Don't forget to sign up to volunteer to be a coffee fellowship host. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the office. Thanks in advance.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING REMINDER: Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, May 1, immediately after worship to elect the new elders and deacons.

GRACE CHURCH 75th ANNIVERSARY – Hope you can come and help us celebrate our 75th Anniversary on Sunday, May 15 right after worship. **See Insert**

TODAY'S OFFERTORY: "**Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain**" is a Greek resurrection hymn written by John of Damascus (c. 675-749) in the 8th century. The translation by John Mason Neale (1818-1866) first appeared in *Christian Remembrance* (April 1859) in an article on "Greek Hymnody" and then in *Hymns of the Eastern Church* (1862) in four stanzas.

The publication of Neale's *Hymns of the Eastern Church*, a collection of Greek Canons from the 5th to the 11th centuries in English poetic form, contributed to a renewed interest in early Christian and Byzantine hymnody. Previous translations tended to be awkward for singing. Neale's translations are in metrical patterns that are more accessible for English singers while remaining true to the original ideas of the Greek.

The text is the first ode from John's Canon for St. Thomas's Sunday, the Sunday after Easter, and is based on the canticle "The Song of Moses" from Exodus 15. The main theme of this hymn is deliverance. Stanza one discusses the joy the Israelites had after being delivered from Pharaoh across the Red Sea. The remaining stanzas transfer the focus to Jesus. They tell of Jesus' resurrection and the deliverance brought to humankind from their sins through this action. The hymn serves as praise to God for continuing to deliver God's people throughout history.

The tune is by 15th century Bohemian composer Johann (Jan) Roh, arranged for organ by Gerhard Krapf.

*Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought forth Israel into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,
Led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.
"Alleluia!" now we cry to our King immortal,
Who, triumphant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark portal;
"Alleluia!" with the Son, God the Father praising,
"Alleluia!" yet again to the Spirit raising.*

The Easter hymn, "**The Strife Is O'er**," is the basis for today's postlude, **Easter Victory**. Published anonymously in a Catholic hymnal in 1695, the hymn was translated into English by Anglican minister, Francis Pott, in 1861. Organist William Monk created a hymn tune, adapting a work written three centuries earlier by Palestrina. The hymn celebrates the battle fought and won at the cross. "The powers of death have done their worst," but Christ has won the victory. "The three days (in the tomb) have quickly sped; (Christ) rises glorious from the dead." The last verse is a prayer — a prayer that Christ, by his death, might set us free from death "so that we may live, and sing to thee: Alleluia!"

This Week's Calendar

April 24 - April 30

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| Sunday | Sunday School | 9:00am |
| | Worship | 10:00am |
| | Youth Group | 12:00pm |
| Monday | Session Meeting | 7:00pm |
| Tuesday | No Bible Study | |
| Wednesday | Cub Scouts Den Meeting | 6:00pm |
| | Choir | 7:00pm |
| | CrossCurrents will be mailed out. If you have anything you would like to submit, please send an email to the office by Monday, 4/25. | |
| | secretary@gracecommunitypresbyterian.org | |
| Thursday | CE Committee Meeting | 3:00pm |
| | Men's Group | 6:00pm |
| | Cub Scouts Den Meeting | 6:00pm |

Looking Ahead

May 1 - 7

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| May 1 | Sunday School | 9:00am |
| | Worship | 10:00am |
| | Congregational Meeting | 11:00am |
| | Youth Group | 6:00pm |
| May 2 | Bible Study | 1:00pm |
| May 4 | Cub Scouts Den Meeting | 6:00pm |
| | Choir | 7:00pm |
| May 5 | Cub Scouts Den Meeting | 6:00pm |

CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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