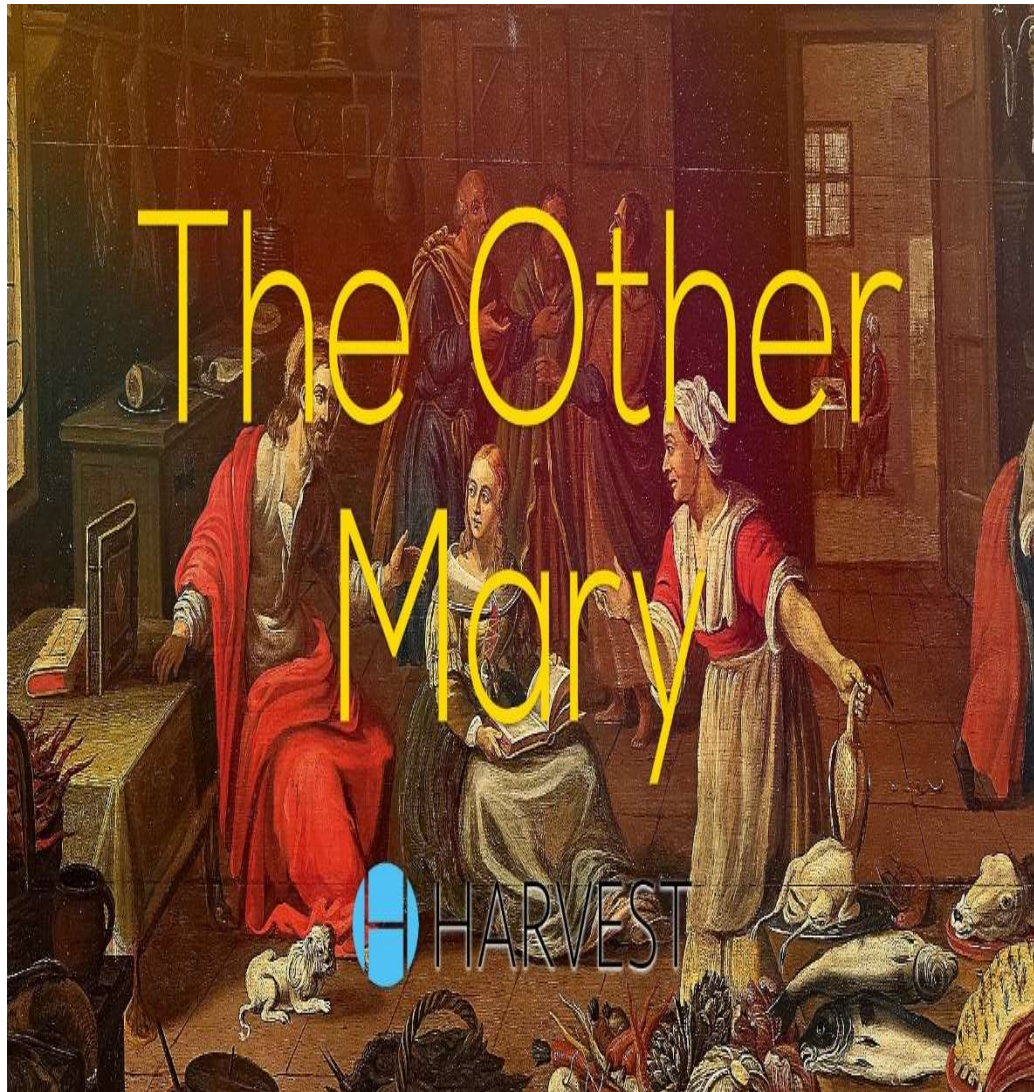


*Grace Community Presbyterian Church*  
*May 1, 2022*



# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Thought for Meditation:** Joy is a traditional expression of the gratitude of the people of Israel, who at various times rejoiced, sang, and even laughed in praise of their God. *James Martin, SJ*

**Prelude** Abide with Me Haan

**Welcome and Announcements** Doug Marshall

**Call To Worship** Mark 16:2-6 Valerie Lester

L: On Easter morning the women went to the tomb.

**P: The stone was rolled away!**

L: An angel spoke to the women:

**P: "Jesus is not here."**

L: Christ is risen!

**P: He is risen indeed!**

L: Let us worship Christ, the Risen King!

**\* Hymn of Praise** Worship Christ, the Risen King #361

## 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. We have kept his love to ourselves and refused to tell others about Jesus.

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 John 2:1-2

L: When we sin, we have an advocate with our Heavenly Father;

**P: Jesus Christ is the righteous one.**

L: He never sinned, but died for our sins.

**P: Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

L: Grace Church, believe the good news:

**P: In Jesus Christ 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** Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Nygard) Chancel Choir

**Scripture** Matthew 28:1-10 (page 865)  
**Sermon** The Other Mary  
**\* Hymn of Response** Lord, Speak to Me #667

**\*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 to 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.

### **Call for Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Cherwien

**\* 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 Preparation** Let Us Break Bread Together (v1-2) #460

### **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**\* Hymn of Dedication** Christ Arose #357

### **\* Charge and Benediction**

**\* Congregational Response** Christ Arose (refrain) #357  
Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph o'er His foes.  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And he lives forever with His saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

**\* Postlude** The Strife Is O'er Lau

### **Congregational Meeting to Elect New Elders and Deacons**

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**\*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

**Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church this morning.**

The greeters today are Glenn Nordmark and Cindy Irvin.

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

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING REMINDER**

Session has called a congregational meeting for today, May 1, immediately after worship to elect the new elders and deacons, along with congregational representatives for next year's Nominating Committee.

**Nominations for Elders: Class of 2025**

Reitha Bieranoski, Ben Edwards, John Napierski, Sharon Rupert

**Nominations for Deacons: Class of 2025**

Gary Barbiaux, Elsie Deem, LaVonne Pelisari, Debbie Roskey, Shirley Wilson

The fastest growing congregations in the United States, and throughout the world, are those that emphasize the Holy Spirit -Pentecostal or Charismatic churches. Most Presbyterians don't think much or focus on the Holy Spirit. We have what one scholar called "Flat-Tire Christianity," a Christian faith and life without the air (breath, wind, spirit) in it. Pentecost, June 5, is a celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early church.

**Join Pastor Doug in the Adult Sunday school class on Sunday, May 15 & 22 @ 9:00 AM in the Library** as we look together at the Holy Spirit, trying to understand who the Spirit is and what the Spirit does.

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

**TODAY'S MUSIC:** Anglican pastor Henry F. Lyte battled tuberculosis most of his life, yet he was known as a man who was strong in spirit and faith. During his later years, his health progressively worsened to the point where he was forced to move to Italy with its warmer climate. Shortly before his final sermon in England he was reading from Luke 24: *“Two of the disciples went that same day to a village called Emmaus... and they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them...And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further. But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.”* (Luke 24:13-15, 28, 29). Though the disciples traveling to Emmaus were mystified by the stories they had heard immediately following Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection, Rev. Lyte had no doubts. In his hymn, **Abide with Me, Fast Falls the Eventide** (#642 in our hymnal), inspired by this Scripture passage and reflecting his own faith, he would quote the apostle Paul with total confidence in the risen Christ:

*I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death’s sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.*

## **This Week's Calendar**

**May 1 - 7**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
	<b>Worship</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
	<b>Congregational Meeting</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
	<b>Youth Group</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Cub Scouts Den Meeting</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
	<b>Choir</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Cub Scouts Den Meeting</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>

## **Looking Ahead**

**May 8 - 14**

<b>May 8</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
	<b>Worship</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>May 9</b>	<b>Cub Scouts Pack Comte. Mtg.</b>	<b>6:45pm</b>
<b>May 10</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
	<b>Garden Club</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
	<b>Mission Committee Meeting</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>May 11</b>	<b>Choir</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
	<b>Cub Scouts Pack Mtg.</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>May 12</b>	<b>Ladies Club</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>

**CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

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Cathy Christoforetti  
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Martha Gumbert  
David Highfield  
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\*\*Clerk of Session

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Judy Barbiaux  
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