

*Grace Community Presbyterian Church*  
*May 8, 2022*



# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

<b>Prelude</b>	Thanks Be to Thee	Ochs
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		Paul Milz
<b>Call To Worship</b>	Psalm 113	
	L: Blessed be the name of the LORD,	
	<b>P: From this time on and forevermore.</b>	
	L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,	
	<b>P: The name of the Lord is to be praised!</b>	
<b>* Hymn of Praise</b>	O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing	#21
<b>Prayer of Confession</b>		
	Do you ever weary of forgiving us, O God?	
	Making right of all our wrongs, healing all we have wounded, turning to your glory the messes we have made all along? Yet surely your goodness and mercy do follow us – and meets us here again as our spirits pray, “LORD, have mercy upon us, for Christ’s sake, AMEN.”	
<b>Assurance of Forgiveness</b>	1 Timothy 1:15	
	L: The saying is sure and worthy of believing,	
	<b>P: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.</b>	
	L: Friends and fellow worshippers, believe the Gospel:	
	<b>All: In Christ we are forgiven!</b>	
<b>* Passing of the Peace</b>		
	L: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.	
	<b>P: And also with you.</b>	
	<i>Please pass the peace of Christ to your neighbors in the pews and introduce yourself to those you do not know.</i>	
<b>* Glory Be To The Father</b>		#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.	
<b>Special Music</b>	Safely through the Night (Leech)	Chancel Choir
<b>Children’s Sermon</b>		Mary & Elsie Deem
<b>Scripture</b>	Philippians 3:10-14 (Page 1024) John 21: 1-22 (Page 922)	
<b>Sermon</b>	The Good Repair of Saint Peter	
<b>* Hymn of Response</b>	Just a Closer Walk with Thee	#564

**\*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.

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

**Call for Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**    Our Great Savior    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**                              Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing                              #11

**\* Charge and Benediction**

**\* Congregational Response**    Just a Closer Walk with Thee (refrain)                              #564  
Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea.  
Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear LORD, let it be.

**\* Postlude**    Rondo in D    Bull

We welcome Rev. Paul Milz to the pulpit this morning. Rev. Milz retired in 2014 after 32 years of ministry. A native of New Kensington he now volunteers as a court appointed Special Advocate for children in the custody of the Westmoreland County Children's Bureau.

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

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

The greeters today are Reitha Bieranoski & Terri Ludwig.

Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in Cana Hall after worship today. Your host(s) will be Cindy & John Irvin.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 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.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** The Items for May are TOOTHBRUSHES AND COLORING BOOKS. Toothpaste is no longer collected for OCC Shoeboxes

**DON'T FORGET 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**

There will be no Bible Study on Tuesday, May 17

**TODAY'S MUSIC:** Siegfried Ochs (1858-1929) first studied medicine and chemistry but gave up those potentially lucrative fields to devote himself entirely to music. In 1882, Ochs founded the Philharmonic Choral

Society of Berlin, which arguably became the greatest choral society in Berlin. Many musicologists maintain that Ochs was both composer and lyricist of the aria “**Thanks Be to Thee**,” still widely attributed to Handel.

*Thanks be to Thee! Thanks be to Thee!  
Thou hast led forth with mighty hand  
Thy people Israel, safe through the sea.  
Lord, Thou hast led as a shepherd with Thine hand;  
Lord, Thine hand tenderly in ages past Thy people hath led.*

“**Our Great Savior**” (#17 in our hymnal) was written in 1910 by Presbyterian minister J. Wilbur Chapman. Chapman served churches in Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York, and was one of the founders of the Winona Lake Bible Conference.

Chapman’s title is “Our Great Saviour,” though many hymnals use the first line as the title. In his hymn, Chapman reminds us that Jesus is our Friend who loves us. He provides His children with strength, protection and comfort when we need it. He is also our Guide and Keeper in the storms of life.

*Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!  
Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
He, my Saviour, makes me whole.*

Welshman Rowland Pritchard composed the great hymn tune *Hyfrydol* (a Welsh word meaning lovely, cheerful or melodious) eighty years before “**Our Great Savior**” was written. *Hyfrydol* was originally published in his handbook to the children's songbook *Cyfaill y Cantorion* ("The Singers' Friend"), a Welsh collection published "for the use of the Sunday Schools, to wean them from 'empty and defiling songs' to those that are devotional and moral." Pritchard composed the tune at the age of 19. He was a textile worker and an amateur musician. He had a good singing voice (of course – he was Welsh) and was appointed song leader at a church in Graienyn. Most of his life he lived near Bala, but in 1880 he went to Holywell and became a loom-tender's assistant at the Welsh Flannel Manufacturing Company's mills.

## This Week's Calendar

May 8 - 14

Sunday	Sunday School	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
Monday	CS Pack Comte. Meeting	6:45pm
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00pm
	Mission Meeting	6:30pm
	Garden Club	6:30pm
Wednesday	Choir	7:00pm
	Cub Scouts Pack Meeting	7:00pm
Thursday	CE Committee Meeting	3:00pm

## Looking Ahead

May 15 - 20

May 15	Sunday School	9:00am
	Adult Sunday School	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	<b>75<sup>th</sup> Lunch Celebration</b>	11:00am
May 17	NO Bible Study	1:00pm
May 18	Worship Meeting	6:30pm
	Choir	7:00pm
May 19	Ladies Club	6:30pm

**CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

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