



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship

Second Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2018

11:05am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

PRELUDE "The Strife Is O'er" arr. John Leavitt
*The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun: Alleluia!*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Cheryl Johnson
(Please sign and pass the Grace Greetings books at this time.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP
One: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!
All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!
One: How very good and pleasant it is
All: when people of God live in unity. Let us worship God!

*HYMN 248 "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" HYMN TO JOY

COME AS A CHILD

*(Children ages 4 through 1st grade may go to **Awakening to Worship**, our child-friendly worship time. Greeters at the back of the Sanctuary will go with children to Room 12 downstairs where parents may pick up their children following worship. Our Nursery welcomes young children and our ushers can assist families to the nursery located in the children's wing.)*

Sing 250, v. 3 "Hymn of Promise" by Natalie Sleeth
*In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*
God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. We claim that we have no sin but you know the truth about us. We say that we have not seen you even when you stand among us now. Forgive us, God of grace. Breathe on us with your Spirit to set us free from doubt and sin, so that we may be at peace with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
One: The strife is over, the battle done; the victory of life is won;
All: the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!
One: The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
All: let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
One: May the peace of Christ be with you and everyone.
All: And also with you and all others!
(Let us greet one another with expressions of love.)

*HYMN 251, *(st. 1 & 5)* "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" MFURAHINI, HALELUYA

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

*Equipping People to Develop and Share a
Faith That Works in Real Life*

SONG OF REJOICING "Risen Today!" Music by Dan Forrest
Linda Dover, organ – Edwin Fukunaga, piano

*Christ the Lord is ris'n today! Earth and heav'n in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high! Sing ye heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!
Love's redeeming work is done! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
Lives again our glorious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, he all doth save! Where thy victory, O grave, Alleluia!
Soar we now where Christ has led! Foll'wing our exalted head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Madeline Passett

FIRST LESSON Acts 4: 5-12
(New Testament, Page 121)
SECOND LESSON 1 John 3: 16-24
(New Testament, Page 240)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "All About Love" Rev. Dr. Lonnie H. Lee

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS & MUSIC Linda Dover
arr. John Leavitt
"This Joyful Eastertide"

*HYMN 203 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" CHEREPONI

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Dr. Lee

POSTLUDE "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" arr. John Leavitt
Linda Dover

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