

**“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene,
who was crucified. He has risen!”**

Mark 16:6a



Grace Presbyterian Church

Fort Wayne, IN

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Resurrection of Our Lord

Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

Sunday Service – March 31, 2024

How can we pray for you? Let us know at prayerrequests@gpcfww.org or in the Zoom/Facebook Chat!

We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in ***BOLD*** with us from your homes!
10:15 – Zoom Meeting Starts ~ ~ ~ 10:20 – Facebook Live Stream Starts

10:30 – Live Prelude Starts *Hallelujah! Christ Arose!* by Lowry

Welcome

Call to Worship — adapted from *Book of Common Worship - 1993*

Glory to you, O God. On this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

Glory to you, O Christ. For us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.

Glory to you, O Holy Spirit. You lead us into the truth.

Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen

Opening Hymn #232 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Call to Confession —

On this day of celebration, we celebrate the death of all that would separate us from fellowship and communion with God and one another. In coming before our God with open hearts, we celebrate the death of the pride that would keep us from sincere confession of sin. In the faith born on Easter morning, let us lift up our prayers of confession to our merciful God.

Prayer of Confession — from *Book of Common Worship - 1993*

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to the calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Time for silent confession

Assurance of Pardon —

Hear the good news of the Gospel. Christ died to pay the price of our sins. Christ rose from the grave to welcome us into eternal participation in his glory. Nothing will be able to

separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Song of Assurance #581 “Gloria Patri”

Passing the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

Please take a moment to greet your neighbor and others with the peace of Christ.

Children’s Message

Time for Music & Meditation

Prayer for Illumination — from *Homiletics-April 2003*

Let us Pray: Risen Lord, let your Word take flesh once again among us. Lift up our hearts with the glad news of the resurrection, with the story that is so wonderful that we sometimes find it hard to take it in all at once. As we read this good news Easter after Easter, show us ever more of the depth of your grace and make us always more aware of your risen presence among us. Amen.

Amen.

Scripture Reading: Epistle Reading — I Corinthians 15:1-11

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15 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ²By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

⁹For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

Choir Anthem

Scripture Reading: Gospel Reading — Mark 16:1-8

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¹⁶ When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶ "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

⁸ Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Sermon

Risen With Christ

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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 #610 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God. We will come from east and west and from north and south and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed it and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

This is the Lord’s table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,
Eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe.

At your word the earth was made and spun on its course among the planets.
Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and set us among all your creatures to love and serve you.

When we were unfaithful to you, you kept faith with us, your love remained steadfast. When we were slaves in Egypt, you broke the bonds of our oppression, brought us through the sea to freedom, and made covenant to be our God. By a pillar of fire you led us through the desert to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. You spoke of love and justice in the prophets, and in the Word made flesh you lived among us, manifesting your glory. He died that we might live, and is risen to raise us to new life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

556 Holy, Holy, Holy

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, whom you sent to save us. He came with healing in his touch, and was wounded for our sins. He came with mercy in his voice, and was mocked as one despised. He came with peace in his heart, and met with violence and death. By your power he broke free from the prison of the

tomb, and at his command the gates of hell were opened. The one who was dead now lives. The one who humbled himself is raised to rule over all creation, the Lamb upon the throne. The one ascended on high is with us always, as he promised.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.

557 “Christ Has Died, Christ Is Risen”

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ’s body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

[INTERCESSIONS HERE]

Nourished at this table, O God, may we know Christ’s redemptive love and live a new life in him. Help us who recognize our Lord in the breaking of the bread to see and serve him in all whose lives are broken. Give us who are fed at his hand grace to share our bread with the hungry and with the hungry of heart. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen

558 “Amen”

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

Prayer After Communion

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart: through Christ our Lord. Amen

Call to Offering

Through our risen Christ and the empty tomb, we have become sisters and brothers of our Lord Jesus Christ and God's children. In that bond of family, we gladly share with each other for the glory of God. Our gifts are brought together in this One Great Hour of Sharing. With joyful hearts, let us present our gifts to God.

Offertory

How Deep the Father's Love for Us by Townsend

Doxology #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication —

Let us pray. God of resurrection power, you have filled our hearts with the good news of new life through the resurrection of Christ from the dead. Receive our offerings for the telling of that good news for the healing of the world. By your power, cause our risen Lord Jesus Christ to dwell in our gifts to bring Easter joy to all. Amen

Amen

Announcements

Closing Hymn #248 "Crown Him with Many Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

Charge and Benediction

We have heard the wonderful story of Christ's victory over the grave. Don't keep that story to yourself. Take the story of Easter into your daily lives. Tell the Easter story by what you say and how you live. Give the wonderful gift of Easter to all.

May our Gracious God, our Risen Lord, and the ever-present Holy Spirit fill us with faith, hope, love and peace today and always. Amen.

Postlude

Easter Joy by Beethoven

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers Needed for Easter Egg Hunt: Thank you to all who donated and assisted in our East Egg hunt for the Foundations First child care program.

Communion Next Sunday:

Boy Scouts Easter Breakfast: Special thanks to Troop 15 for providing a wonderful Easter breakfast. Additionally, if you ordered pies for their fundraiser they are in the Grace kitchen freezer. There is a list with names and their orders with the pies.

Let's Play—Our Taxes Are Done: Everyone is invited for an afternoon of fellowship and games. We'll be meeting here at Grace at 2:00 PM. People are encouraged to bring their favorite games and a snack to share.

Save the Date - Baseball: Grace and friends are scheduling another Tin Caps outing. The calendar date is May 19th and the cost is \$29. There is a sign up for the game in the narthex. More information will be shared as the plans come together.

Grace & the Neighborhood Garage Sale: Grace will be participating with the North Highlands garage sale day. If you have items to donate we will be collecting them in our library. Please no clothes. Proceeds from the donated items will go towards sprucing up the lower level women's restroom. Members and friends can reserve a table to join in the sale for a \$10 donation. More information will be posted as we approach the June 14th & 15th sale.

New Blood for the Tech Volunteers: There has been a request for additional volunteers to help with video and sound during our services. It's not difficult or scary ~ and you will receive training. If you can help, please talk to one of our volunteers.

Anniversaries

Kenneth & Peggy Mahoney,
April 5, 1970

ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

To connect to our worship services on Zoom, follow these instructions to watch or listen. You can connect at 10:15 for fellowship; the service starts at 10:30.

Option 1: Automatically Join the Meeting

Follow the link in the email sent every week. This is by far the easiest way to connect to the live video.

Option 2: Manually Join the Meeting

You can download Zoom from <https://www.zoom.us>.

After you have installed the program/app, click on "Join" and enter this information:

Meeting ID: 9712063468

Password: 030414

Option 3: Call in to Listen (Audio Only)

On Sunday Morning, you can call to listen to the service. After you call, it will ask you to enter the Meeting ID and Password Below:

Phone Number: (301) 715-8592 Meeting ID: 9712063468

Password: 030414

232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-3, *lyra Davidica*, 1708; stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740
 Spanish trans. Juan Bautista Cabrera, alt.; Korean trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea
 MUSIC: *lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. from *The Compleat Psalmodist*, 1749
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EASTER HYMN
 7.7.7.7 with alleluias

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

SPANISH

- 1 *El Señor resucitó, ¡Aleluya!*
muerte y tumba ya venció. ¡Aleluya!
Con su fuerza y su virtud ¡Aleluya!
cautivó la esclavitud. ¡Aleluya!
- 2 *El que al polvo se humilló, ¡Aleluya!*
vencedor se levantó. ¡Aleluya!
Cante hoy la cristiandad ¡Aleluya!
su gloriosa majestad. ¡Aleluya!
- 3 *Cristo, que la cruz sufrió, ¡Aleluya!*
y en desolación se vio, ¡Aleluya!
hoy en gloria celestial ¡Aleluya!
reina vivo e inmortal. ¡Aleluya!
- 4 *Cristo, nuestro Salvador, ¡Aleluya!*
de la muerte es triunfador. ¡Aleluya!
En El hemos de confiar. ¡Aleluya!
Cantaremos sin cesar. ¡Aleluya!

KOREAN

- 1 예수 부활 했으니 할렐루야
 만민 찬송 하여라
 천사들이 즐거워
 기쁜 찬송 부르네
- 2 대속하신 주 예수 할렐루야
 선한 싸움 이겼네
 사망 권세 이기고
 하늘 문을 여셨네
- 3 마귀 권세 이긴 주 할렐루야
 왕의 왕이 되셨네
 높은 이름 세상에
 널리 반포 하여라
- 4 길과 진리 되신 주 할렐루야
 우리 부활 하겠네
 부활 생명 되시니
 우리 부활 하겠네

Glory Be to the Father 581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar
 a mi Libertador,
 las glorias de su majestad,
 los triunfos de su amor.*

KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면
 그 입 다 가지고
 내 구주 주신 은총을
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.; Spanish trans. Federico J. Paguro;
 Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001

MUSIC: Carl Gottlieb Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839
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606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all creatures

here below; praise *him above, ye heavenly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
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Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."