

So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of
Jesus Christ. Acts 10:48a



Grace Presbyterian Church

Fort Wayne, IN

May 5, 2024

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

Sunday Service – May 5, 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 *Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us arr. by Lau*

Welcome

Call to Worship –

Sing to our God a new song.

God has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise before the Lord!

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

Opening Hymn #254 “*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*”

Call to Confession –

We have been called to follow Christ

by obeying his one commandant:

that we love one another as he has loved us.

Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love.

Prayer of Confession –

Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts.

Forgive us we pray, and lead us toward wholeness that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Time for silent confession

Assurance of Pardon –

Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us and calls us his friends.

If we can forgive our friends, how much more does Christ forgive us!

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

Let us Pray: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, in the reading of your word, that we would hear what you have to say to us today. May your Holy Spirit be poured out upon us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

Scripture Reading: New Testament Reading – Acts 10:44-48

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⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” ⁴⁸ So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

Choir Anthem

According to Thy Gracious Word by James Montgomery

Sermon

Even Gentiles

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 #134 *“Joy to the World”*

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

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 and triune God. You spoke the world into being; your Word become flesh in Jesus Christ; by your Spirit you made us your people. When we were lost in sin, you found us, sending us your prophets and even your own Son.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels 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. Born of Mary, he came to dwell among us, full of grace and truth. He forgave our failures, healed our hearts, and gave himself in utter sacrifice for those he loved. After three days you raised him from the dead, that we might never die.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this fruit of the vine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to

you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

#557 “Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen”

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and fruit of the vine, 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.)

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, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

#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 the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life. Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love. God our Mother, you have fed us with your grace.

Now send us out into your beloved world to share your life, your love, your grace with all. Blessing and honor and glory to you, holy, holy, holy Lord.
Amen.

Call to Offering

Let us show our friendship with Christ and our love for our neighbors by giving generously so that we may bear the lasting fruit of Christ's love.

Offertory *Communion Song* by Jordan

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

Prayer of Dedication –

Let us pray. Holy God, In Christ you have chosen us to be your friends and to know your will in the world. Therefore we pray in Jesus' name that these tithes and offerings spread your love near and far. **Amen**

Announcements

Closing Hymn #238 "Thine is the Glory"

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Majestic Postlude in G Minor* by Parker

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Nominating Committee Survey: Thanks to everyone who submitted their surveys.

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. **This is a great way to clean your out your house and garage!** 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. If you can help, please talk to one of our volunteers.

Welcome Table Needs Volunteers:

Hello Grace,

I am hoping to gather up helpers for the following Welcome Table dates. We have been a little tight the last few times and we're hoping for more help. Upcoming dates are: Apr 29, May 6, May 20, Jun 10, Jun 24, Jul 15, Jul 29, Aug 12, 26, Sep 9, and Sep 23.

Cooking and desserts seem to be covered, we mostly need help for the event itself. If you could give me an idea who might be coming and what they might like to do, that's really helpful.

Thank you!

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Birthdays

Henry Bowers – May 11

Anniversaries

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

245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

1 "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"
 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
 4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

All cre - a - tion, join to say:
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
 Where, O death, is now your sting?
 Praise to you by both be given, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise,
 Je - sus died, our souls to save,
 Ev - ery knee to you shall bow, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
 Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now. Al - le - lu - ia!

Originally printed as eleven four-line stanzas without alleluias, this Easter text was written during the first year following the author's life-changing conversion experience, yet it already shows his enduring emphasis on the theme of love. This lively Welsh tune sets it well.

Glory Be to the Father

581

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

The first system of music consists of a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5, then a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes Bb4, A4, and G4. The piano accompaniment consists of chords: G2-Bb2-Eb3, A2-Bb2-Eb3, Bb2-C3-Eb3, and C3-Eb3-G3.

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

The second system continues the vocal line with quarter notes G4, A4, Bb4, and C5, then a quarter note Bb4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment consists of chords: G2-Bb2-Eb3, A2-Bb2-Eb3, Bb2-C3-Eb3, and C3-Eb3-G3.

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

The third system continues the vocal line with quarter notes G4, A4, Bb4, and C5, then a quarter note Bb4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment consists of chords: G2-Bb2-Eb3, A2-Bb2-Eb3, Bb2-C3-Eb3, and C3-Eb3-G3.

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

The fourth system concludes the vocal line with quarter notes G4, A4, Bb4, and C5, then a quarter note Bb4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment consists of chords: G2-Bb2-Eb3, A2-Bb2-Eb3, Bb2-C3-Eb3, and C3-Eb3-G3. The system ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final chord.

134 Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and
 sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.
 heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

MUSIC: Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742; arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

ANTIOCH

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(alternate tune: RICHMOND, 266)

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or "God"

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

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1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer- ing Son; end - less is
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
 with - out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer- ing
 to thy home a - bove.

This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio *Josiah* and moved to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

TEXT: Edmond Louis Bodry, 1884; trans. R. Birch Hoyle, 1923, alt.
 MUSIC: George Frederick Handel, 1748

JUDAS MACCABEUS
 5.5.6.5.6.5.6.5 with refrain

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.