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Lord is to be praised. Proverbs 31:30

Grace Presbyterian Church
Fort Wayne, IN
May 11, 2025

The Fourth Sunday After Easter
Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

Sunday Service – May 11, 2025

How can we pray for you? Let us know 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 *I Love Thee, My Lord* arr. by Livingston, Jr.

Welcome

Call to Worship — *taken/based on/from Isaiah 66 & Psalm 131*

Come, let us worship God, who creates us, nurtures us, and sustains us.

We come seeking to honor Him who provides.

“As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you,” says the Lord.

“I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother.”

Come into God’s presence, where comfort is offered, love is abundant, and grace is given freely.

We gather to worship the One who gives life and sustains it with tender care.

Opening Hymn #254 “*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*”

Call to Confession —

God says: “*Can a mother forget her nursing child? Even if she could, I will not forget you.*” With that promise, we come into God’s presence — trusting in divine mercy even when we forget to show mercy ourselves. The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. In this confidence, let us confess our sin and seek God’s grace together.

Prayer of Confession —

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Assurance of Pardon —

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of 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

Let us Pray: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen**

Scripture Reading: New Testament Reading — Acts 9:36-43

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36 In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. 37 About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. 38 Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, “Please come at once!”

39 Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

40 Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, “Tabitha, get up.” She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. 41 He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. 42 This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. 43 Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

Choir Anthem #720 “A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar”

Scripture Reading: Hebrew Bible Reading — Proverbs 31:9-31

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10 A wife of noble character who can find?

She is worth far more than rubies.

11 Her husband has full confidence in her
and lacks nothing of value.

12 She brings him good, not harm,
all the days of her life.

13 She selects wool and flax
and works with eager hands.

14 She is like the merchant ships,
bringing her food from afar.

15 She gets up while it is still night;
she provides food for her family
and portions for her female servants.

16 She considers a field and buys it;
out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.

17 She sets about her work vigorously;
her arms are strong for her tasks.

18 She sees that her trading is profitable,

and her lamp does not go out at night.
19 In her hand she holds the distaff
and grasps the spindle with her fingers.
20 She opens her arms to the poor
and extends her hands to the needy.
21 When it snows, she has no fear for her household;
for all of them are clothed in scarlet.
22 She makes coverings for her bed;
she is clothed in fine linen and purple.
23 Her husband is respected at the city gate,
where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.
24 She makes linen garments and sells them,
and supplies the merchants with sashes.
25 She is clothed with strength and dignity;
she can laugh at the days to come.
26 She speaks with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
27 She watches over the affairs of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
28 Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:
29 “Many women do noble things,
but you surpass them all.”
30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
31 Honor her for all that her hands have done,
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Message

A Mother's (God's) Desire

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 #761 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Call to Offering

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions.

Offertory *Give Me That Old Time Religion!* arr. by Livingston, Jr.

Doxology #606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Dedication —

Let us pray. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn – Special Note – Tom Wants to Introduce this Song.

Before we sing our closing hymn, Tom, our Choir Director has a note to share about the song.

Benediction

Postlude

Forever Will I Sing! by Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Guest for May - Month of Missions – will be Tom & Alex Monnier:

Special Joint Worship on May 25 @ United Faith: We will be worshipping with our friends at United Faith on Sunday, May 25. This is a perfect and fitting end to our May Month of Missions as we do support/partner with them in the Food Bank.

Reminder – No Session this Month: Next Session will be on July 20th.

Boy Scouts Pies: We still have two pies and a peach cobbler in our kitchen freezer. If you had an ordered from Troop 15 and haven't picked it up yet, they are tempting our office administer.

Grace's Annual Tin Caps Outing: Don't forget, our congregational life baseball outing is next Sunday. Your ticket's should be arriving by mail this week. No worries if you don't receive yours. We can figure things out day of.

North Highland Neighborhood Association Garage Sale Opportunity: During the community sale, June 13-14, Grace will be offering space for those that might want to join but don't have a local garage. For a \$10 donation you can reserve a table in our fellowship hall. For a \$5 donation you can reserve a spot (about two car spaces) in our parking lot. See Tammy for more information or to get your space.

Birthdays

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Anniversaries

Ervin and Gail Bellis

May 17, 1986

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

254 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone
 2 He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the
 3 From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, your own re -

out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 glo - rious wounds a - bide, the to - kens true which
 deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
 made it plain their Lord in - deed was risen a - gain.
 us a - bide in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

These Eastertide stanzas are derived from a longer Latin text that was one of the earliest hymns written especially for a season of the church year. They are set here to a tune with Christmas associations, a means of linking the two great festivals of the Christian year.

TEXT: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1852, alt.
 MUSIC: Trier ms., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
 LM
 (alternate harmonization, 67)

Glory Be to the Father

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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.

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

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



- 1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
- 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
- 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
- 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



we re-spond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
blend-ing hu-man skills to-gether gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1981

MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

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BEECHER

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(alternate tune: EBENEZER)

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
LM

277 Hail Thee, Festival Day!

Capo 5: (C) (G7) (Am) (D7) (G) (C) (D7) (G)
 Refrain F C7 Dm G7 C F G7 C

Hail thee, fes - ti-val day! Blest day to be hal-lowed for - ev - er;

day when our Lord was raised, break-ing the king - dom of death.

Easter 1 All the fair beau - ty of earth from the
 Ascension 1 He who was nailed to the cross, is
 Pentecost 1 Bright and in like - ness of fire, on
 3 God the Al - might - y, the Lord, the
 5 Spir - it of life and of power, now

death of the win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - ery good
 rul - er and Lord of all peo - ple. All things cre -
 those who a - wait his ap - pear - ing, he whom the
 rul - er of earth and the heav - ens, guard us from
 flow in us, fount of our be - ing, light that en -

gift of the year now with its Mas - ter re - turns:
 at - ed on earth sing to the glo - ry of God:
 Lord had fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly de - scends:
 harm with - out; cleanse us from e - vil with - in:
 light - ens us all, life that in all may a - bide:

to Refrain

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This three-occasion hymn has been extracted from a much longer Latin original of fifty-five two-line stanzas. Though it is doubtful that the entire text was used much, selections from it have flourished for centuries. This celebratory tune is one of the composer's most effective.

TEXT: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, c. 567–576; trans. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978, alt.

MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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SALVE FESTA DIES

Irregular