

# Grace Presbyterian Church

Fort Wayne, IN – April 12, 2026

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter



*Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”*

*John 20: 27*

Service Notes: Prayer cards are available in your pews for the sharing of Joys and Concerns. You can give them to Sandy Garcia. We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in **BOLD**. \*Indicates when to stand in body or spirit.

Worship Volunteers: Worship Leader: Pastor Sandy Garcia – Lay Leader: Tom Monnier – Children’s Message: Cathy German – Ushers: Pam Callahan, Grace Hochstetler, & Tyler Bowers – Tech: John Current & Bill Werling – Counters: Pam Callahan & Volunteer – Pianist: Sue Creager – Choir Director: Tom Callahan.

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship —**

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

Christ comes to us in our fear and doubt.

**Christ stands among us and says, “Peace.”**

Even when we struggle to believe,

**Christ meets us with grace.**

Come, let us worship the risen Lord.

**\*Opening Hymn — #251 “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”**

**\*Call to Confession —**

Even after the resurrection, we find ourselves afraid, uncertain, and slow to trust. Yet Christ comes to us—not with judgment, but with peace. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**\*Prayer of Confession —**

**Risen Lord, we confess that we do not always live as resurrection people. We hold on to fear when you offer us peace. We cling to doubt when you offer us your presence. We struggle to trust what we cannot see or control. Forgive us, O God. Breathe your Spirit into us again, and help us to live with courage, trusting in your grace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.**

*Time for silent confession*

**\*Assurance of Pardon —**

Christ comes to us in love and says, “Peace be with you.” In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and made new.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

## **\*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**

Holy God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, that as your Word is read and proclaimed, we may hear your voice and be transformed.

**Amen.**

## **Epistle Lesson: Acts 2:22-32**

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22 "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. 23 This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. 24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. 25 David said about him:

"I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.

26 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

my body also will rest in hope,

27 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,

you will not let your holy one see decay.

28 You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

29 “Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. 30 But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

### **Choir Anthem — #246 “Christ is Alive!”**

### **Gospel Reading — John 20:19-31**

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19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

21 Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

28 Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

29 Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

## Message

*The After Party: Locked Doors*

### \*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 — #244 “This Joyful Eastertide”

#### Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

God of life and peace, we come before you with the needs of the world.

For those living in fear...bring your peace.

For those struggling with doubt...bring your presence.

For those who feel alone...remind them they are not forgotten.

Guide your Church, O God, that we may be a community of grace, bearing witness to your resurrection life.

We pray all this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

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

Christ meets us with grace and sends us into the world with peace. Let us offer our gifts in gratitude for all that God has given.

### Offertory

*Fantasy on How Great Thou Art* arr. by Marshall

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

### \*Prayer of Dedication –

Let us pray: Generous God, we offer these gifts with thankful hearts. Use them to bring peace where there is fear, hope where there is doubt, and life where it is most needed. In Christ’s name, Amen.

### Announcements

\*Closing Hymn – #238 “This is the Glory”

\*Charge & Benediction

### Postlude

*To Walk in God's Ways* by Smith

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Annual Congregational Life Tin Caps Outing:** Everyone is invited to Grace’s Annual Tin Caps Outing. The game is May 10th. The cost for a ticket is \$30. We will be in a concourse suite which will include access to one of their food bars. Deadline to reserve your spot is April 26th. There a sign up in the narthex or reach out to Tammy Menkes.

**Spanish Club:** Everyone is invited to join the club. Thursdays at Grace. Learn some Spanish while hanging out with Sandy Garcia, or practice what you already know. 6:00 PM.

**New Newsletter in Narthex:**

**Prayer Requests:**

- Prayers of peace and comfort for Butch, Sue’s nephew, as he deals with his cancer.
- Prayers of guidance for Vivian’s care team and peace for her family.
- Prayers for You to be with us, our country, and the world during these troubling times.

**Birthdays**

MacGregor W. Lilly - April 15

**Anniversaries**



**Worship Volunteers for April 19, 2026**

Lay Leader – Cindy Bowers

& Tyler Bowers

Children’s Message – Betsy Kachmar

Technology – John Current & Bill Werling

Ushers – Pam Callahan, Grace Hochstetler,

Counters – Pam Callahan & Jon Wolf

**ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS**

**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

## 251 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia. Re - joice and  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst un - til its  
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear. You look for  
 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has a -  
 5 Christ has a - ris - en to set us free. Al - le - lu -

praise him, al - le - lu - ia. For our re - deem - er  
 strength by God was dis - persed. He who gives life did  
 Je - sus who is not here. See for your - selves the  
 ris - en this world to save. Je - sus' re - deem - ing  
 ia, to him prais - es be. Je - sus is liv - ing!

burst from the tomb, e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
 death un - der - go, and in its con - quest his might did show.  
 tomb is all bare. On - ly the grave clothes are ly - ing there."  
 la - bors are done. E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."  
 Let us all sing; he reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

The good news of the Resurrection is retold in this lively hymn from Tanzania, blending 20th-century words with a traditional melody. In African call-and-response practice, the stanzas would ordinarily be sung by a soloist or small group and the refrain by the whole congregation.

TEXT: Bernard Kyamanywa, 1966; trans. Howard S. Olson, 1969  
 MUSIC: Tanzanian melody  
 Text © 1977 Howard S. Olson (admin. Augsburg Fortress)

MFURAHINI, HALELUYA  
 9.9.9.9 with refrain

# 244 This Joyful Eastertide

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
 2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son  
 3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the

sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
 slum - ber till trump from east to west shall  
 riv - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my

*Refrain*

sprung to life this mor - row.  
 wake the dead in num - ber. Had Christ, who once was  
 pass - ing soul de - liv - er.

The verbal and musical elements of this hymn mesh so well because the words were written to fit this Dutch tune (whose name means "fruits"). The news of Christ's resurrection is joyfully conveyed by the ever-higher phrases and final cascade of notes at the end of the refrain.

TEXT: George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1894, alt.  
 MUSIC: *David's Psalms*, 1685; harm. Charles Wood, 1902

VRUECHTEN  
 6.7.6.7 with refrain  
 (alternate harmonization, 249)

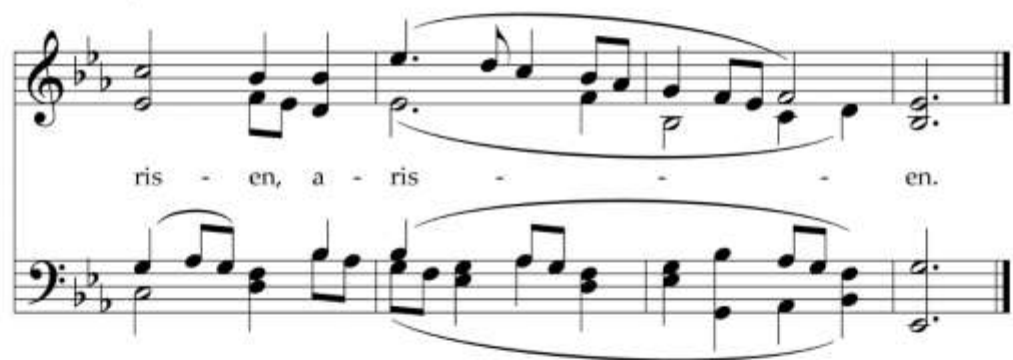
JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION



slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in



vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en.

# 238 Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con- quering 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 - quers

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 - quering  
 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 *Josua* 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 Budry, 1884; trans. R. Birch Hoyle, 1923, alt.  
 MUSIC: George Frederick Handel, 1748

JUDAS MACCABEUS  
 5.5.6.5.6.5.6.5 with refrain

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

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

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, and the bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 8/8. The lyrics are: "Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style.

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