

# Grace United Methodist Church



**April 20, 2025  
Order of Worship**

## **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE 6AM**

**Grace United Methodist Church is a Family of Faith striving to share God's love with all.**

### **Welcome/Greetings**

#### **Easter Proclamation**

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed!**

Leader: Death has been swallowed in victory.

**People: The grave has lost its sting.**

Leader: Christ is risen.

**People: Christ is risen indeed!**

**All: And we are alive in Christ! Glory to God! Alleluia!**

#### **Easter Invocation**

Pastor: Holy God, as once long ago you turned a gray dawn into a springtime alleluia, so come to us this morning and turn our sadness into joy. The rock is rolled away and the tomb is empty! Roll the stone away in our lives so that we too may be resurrected with Christ as new creations. Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

**People: Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia and Amen!**

**\*Opening Hymn #310 – “He Lives”**

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### **Scriptures**

#### **Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24**

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. <sup>2</sup> Let Israel say: “His love endures forever.” <sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. <sup>15</sup> Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: “The Lord’s right hand has done mighty things! <sup>16</sup> The Lord’s right hand is lifted high; the Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!” <sup>17</sup> I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. <sup>18</sup> The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death. <sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to

the Lord. <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. <sup>21</sup> I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup> The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; <sup>23</sup> the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup> The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

L This is the gospel of our Risen Lord. **P Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**\*Gospel Reading – Luke 24:1-12**

**24** On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: <sup>7</sup> ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words. <sup>9</sup> When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. <sup>10</sup> It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. <sup>12</sup> Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

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**\*Hymn #314 – “In the Garden”**

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**Sermon – “Then They Remembered His Words”**

Rev. Prumeh Lee

**Easter Morning Prayer**

**On this sacred day, fill our hearts with the joy of the resurrection. Help us to experience the transformative power of your love, renewing our spirits and strengthening our faith. As we celebrate together, may the message of Easter resonate deeply within us, inspiring us to live as reflections of your grace and compassion. Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn #364 – “Because He Lives”**

*RESURRECTION*

**Benediction**