

Grace United Methodist Church



**April 20, 2025 - 10:00AM
Order of Worship
EASTER**

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

*** Please Stand If You Are Able**

Opening Voluntary – “Halleluia Chorus” by G. F. Handel; arr. Tim Doran and Betty J. Price

~Handbell Duet – Kimberly Neri and Jane Schreiber;
Organ Accompaniment – Drew Banzhoff~

Welcome/Greetings

Choral Introit

*** Opening Hymn #304** – “Easter People, Raise Your Voices” *REGENT SQUARE*

*** Call to Worship**

L: Christ is Risen!

P: The angels of God are rejoicing!

L: Christ is Risen!

P: The spirits of evil have fallen!

L: Christ is Risen!

P: The tomb is empty!

L: He is victorious & so are we!

P: Because of His victory, we are free!

L: Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!

P: Praise the Risen Lord! Hallelujah!

***Opening Prayer**

King Jesus, just as You rose from the grave, I too shall rise from the grave. Death could not keep You, it cannot keep me. Sin and sorrow could not defeat you, it cannot defeat me. Your life is my life. Your victory is my victory. Your resurrection power is my power. All glory and honor and praise be to our King, He is risen! Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead fall into despair and gloom. Lift up our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now. Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The tomb is empty. The stone is rolled away. There is no darkness now, only light. God continues to renew us and restore us. We are forgiven, loved and restored. Share the wondrous news of God's love in Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Christ is risen! Share this great news with one another as we offer signs of joy and love by passing the peace of Christ.

Children's Sermon

Scriptures

Epistle – Isaiah 65:17-25

"See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. ¹⁹ I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. ²⁰ "Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹ They will build houses and dwell in them; they will

plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³ They will not labor in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the Lord, they and their descendants with them. ²⁴ Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the Lord.

L: The Word of God, For the People of God. **P:** **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel – John 20:1-18 (*Please stand if you are able*)**

1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes. 11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 12 and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." 14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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***Hymn before Message #302** – “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (verses 1-4)
EASTER HYMN

Message – “Making All Things New”

Rev. Eumin Kim

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT (UMH#50-53)

Lord’s Prayer and Choral Response

Invitation to Tithes and Offering

L: God is good.

P: God’s faithful love endures forever!

L: God is our strength and protection.

P: God’s gracious joy brightens our lives!

L: Let us give thanks to God through our gifts!

P: We will rejoice and share God’s bounty!

Choral Selection – “Procession on Llanfair”

(Christ the Lord Is Risen Today/Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise) arr. by Kevin McChesney

***Hymn No. 95** - Presentation of the Offering

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of life and love, we are grateful for your promise of resurrection and new life. Your love is stronger than the powers of evil and injustice. With joy, we bring our gifts to you this day. Use our gifts and our lives to proclaim Christ’s triumph over death. Amen.

Closing Hymn #316 – “He Rose”

ASCENSUS

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Closing Voluntary – “Hallelujah Chorus from The Messiah” by G. F. Handel
(the congregation is invited to sing along)

~Please remain until the conclusion of “Hallelujah Chorus from The Messiah”~

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| Pastor: Rev. Eumin Kim | Counting Team: Debbie Nicosia |
| Liturgist/Reader: Dr. Tonia Ukanwoke | Ushers: Everett Fitch, Carol Provenzano, Michael Provenzano |
| Director of Music: Drew Banzhoff | Audio-Tech: Brandon Gauntlett |
| Westminster Ringers Director: Kim Neri | Guest Musician: Elise Winkler |



♥†♦Family of Mary (Polly) Wheat, ♥♦Kevin Gatherer, ♥Jerry Noble (Tom Noble's dad), ♥Lionel Brown, ♥Chris Ukanwoke, ♥Diane Vitacco, ♥SofiaRose Curry (relative of Sing Larson), ♥Anthony, Nancy and Macky Orovwuje (friends of Debbielee Thomsen), ♥Debbielee Thomsen, Cliff McBride (friend of Debbielee Thomsen), ♥Edie Zipperlen, ♥Mary Flynn (mom) and Maureen Andersen (daughter), ♥Priscilla Caparelli (friend of Kim Neri), ♥Manny Kurz, ♥Cecil and Carol Walker (friends of Barbara Woodford), ♥Everon Palmer (son of Enid Simpson), ♥Carol Whyte, ♥Winston Scarlett (brother-in-law of Maudlyn Scarlett), ♥Jennifer LaRochelle (friend of Kim Neri), ♥David Biegler, ♥Michael Kurz, ♥Vin Dowling, ♥Garvin Phillip (nephew of Eleanor Phillip), ♥Elaine Treske, ♥Marilyn Eller (sister of Elaine Treske), ♥Jim Poch, ♥All our Military men and women, ♥Barbara Siegl, ♥All UMW in Rehabilitation and Nursing Homes, ♥Castells Family (family of Elaine Treske), ♥Evelyn Neber (friend of Elaine Treske). **Note.** Prayer List names will continue to be listed for two weeks. After that period of time, the names will be removed unless you call us with current information. † - Death in family, ♦ - New entry

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