



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

April 4, 2021
9:00am and 11:00am
Easter Sunday

PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Grow in Grace, Live in Peace, Serve the Lord

We Gather as God's People

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE

To God Be The Glory
Peace Handbell Quartet

arr. Larry Sue

"Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you. (Mark 16: 6,7)

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 30

Jesse Riggs, liturgist

Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

You, O Lord, have turned my mourning into dancing.

O Lord, our God, we give thanks to you forever.

*HYMN #232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Corinth: "I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ dies for our sins." In the mystery of that atoning sacrifice, we come to this time of prayer, bringing our sins to the door of the empty tomb.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, we cannot truly worship you until we recognize how unloving we have been. We cannot truly live until we admit the many ways we have been dwelling in death and darkness. We cannot fully embrace forgiveness until we honestly face the wrong we have done and the good we have neglected. We admit before you now the anger and spite we have carried in our hearts, the doubts and fears we have allowed to paralyze us, the misplaced priorities that have led us away from your will and way. Help us break down the barriers we have erected so we can experience new life today. In Jesus' name we pray and we lift up to you now, in the silence of this moment, our individual sins.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus Christ, though he was in the form of God, emptied himself. Being of human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. God exalted Jesus and gave him the name above every name so that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and savior of us all to the glory of God the Father. (from Philippians 2) Friends, believe the good news – because Jesus was resurrected to new life, so shall we experience new life!

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Hymn of Promise
Laura Ortiz, soloist

Natalie Sleeth

We Share God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20: 1-18

SERMON

"Come and See"

Rev. Debbie Osterhoudt

We Respond to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;**

**who was conceived of 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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Crown Him With Many Crowns
Peace Handbell Quartet

arr. Larry Sue

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Our 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.

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

We Go Forth As God's People

*HYMN #238

Thine Is the Glory

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death has lost its sting.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

May the Love of the Lord

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May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.
May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.

POSTLUDE

Ode to Joy

Ludwig van Beethoven

Worship Leadership Rev. Debbie Osterhoudt, Preacher Jesse Riggs, Liturgist
Peggy Vaughan, Music Director & Soloist John Holter, piano Laura Ortiz, soloist
Ron Skinner, audio & video Joanne Lang, Worship Ministry Team Chair
Ushers: 9:00am – Jim Bryant, Joanne Lang Ushers: 11:00am – Lisa Jones, Pam Gares, Paul Gares

*You are invited to stand.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING It's that time of year again - Easter - when we have an opportunity to participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering of the PCUSA. One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to help improve the lives of our neighbors suffering and vulnerable through three life-saving programs:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - restoring our communities to live in.

Presbyterian Hunger Program – sharing our bread with the hungry.

Self-development of People – addressing injustice in our communities.

Please give generously during this season of Easter – make checks payable to Peace Presbyterian Church and designate OGHS on the memo line. For cash donations, please use the offering envelope in your bulletin. We will send it on to the denomination.

BIBLE STUDY A new Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, April 14 at 7:00pm via Zoom. We will begin a study of the early Christian Church, using the Book of Acts and a book by Matthew Skinner entitled “Intrusive God, Disruptive Gospel, Encountering the Divine in the Book of Acts.” Matthew Skinner is professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary and a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary. Dr. Skinner describes how the book of Acts describes God as upsetting the status quo by changing people’s lives, society’s conventions, and our expectations of what is possible. Come join us and let Gail know in the church office that you want to be added to the Zoom email list!

FOOD DONATIONS Don’t forget to bring your food items for the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. There are nearly 90,000 people experiencing hunger, living in the Greenville area and nearly 30,000 children experiencing hunger in the same area. The Greenville branch of the NC Food Bank distributed 4.5 million pounds of produce last year. Items of particular need: protein/meat products, canned fruit and vegetables, easy to open fruit cups and granola bars for children. We carry your donations to the Food Bank each week and they are so very appreciative of our generosity!

GREENVILLE KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH On Sunday, April 18 at 3:00pm the Greenville Korean Presbyterian Church will be officially chartered as a PCUSA congregation. Peace Presbyterian Church has had a 20 year mission partnership with this Korean Fellowship – folks who have shared not only our space but worship and service with us. We are delighted that they will begin this new chapter in their journey as a congregation and will continue to share ministry and space with us. You are invited to join them in their worship celebration via live streaming and we will provide you with information so that you can worship with them. Of course, we all would like to be in person for this celebration but we are continuing to put into practice our protocols in light of the coronavirus until we can fully re-open our facilities – social distancing, masks, limited facility use. We are excited about this continuing partnership with this congregation!