



Grace United Church

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April 17, 2022

Easter / Resurrection Sunday

Order of Worship



WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: *Just As I Am* - Wm. Bradbury, arr. Victor Johnson
Our trumpeter this morning is Gillian MacDonald

Welcome – Angus Fergusson

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

Centering Music: *We Centre Our Hearts on God's Wisdom*

Spiritual Focus:

***"Easter: Seeing the Resurrected Lord in the Garden of New Beginnings,
Even When **Trauma** has Made Our Eyes **Hazy**."***

Call to Worship:

One: Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

One: Hope is alive!

All: Hope is alive, indeed!

One: God's love is eternal!

All: God's Love is never ending - Hallelujah!

One: Let us give thanks for what God has done.

Song of Praise: Voices United #155

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!
who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!
suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!
sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!
3. But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!
our salvation have procured; hallelujah!
now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!
where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!
4. Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!
praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!
praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!
praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

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Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (All):

God of resurrection and grace,

help us in our pain, despair, and fear
so that we are not prone to follow
the path of hopelessness.

Help us, to instead, be like the Risen Christ,
and rise, as a brave and holy people,
living beyond our pain, despair, and fear
by remaining hopeful in your steadfast love.

We pray with sincerity and Hope. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Responsive)

One: God hears our prayers of grace and mercy,
and raises our countenance from despair,
into resurrection joy!

God meets us in our human suffering,
comforts us in our tears,
and offers to us new hope,

All: Hallelujah!



Song of Praise: Voices United # 157

"New Resurrection"

1. New resurrection! Glory from heaven!
Christ's is the new birth, fresh in our hearts.
Rise up the praises, to God be given
praise for the living, of this glad day.
2. His is the vic'try! His is the Glory!
New doors are opened, amid the strife.
Ours is the failure, old is the story;
ours for the taking is this new life.
3. Glory to Jesus! Ring out the chorus!
Lift high the praises, this He has done.
Conquered the darkness, opened the heavens;
God's loving kindness, once more has won.

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Music: Gaelic Melody
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WE SEEK WISDOM

Prayer of Illumination (All):

Living God, by your Holy Spirit,

open our eyes to see the new light of this day;
open our lips to tell of the empty tomb;
open our hearts to believe the Good News;
we pray through the One who is Resurrection and Life,
the Word made Flesh. Amen.

Scripture Reader: Tammy Fergusson

Gospel: John 20:1-18 (NRSV - New Revised Standard Version)

The Resurrection of Jesus

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. 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." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look[a] into the tomb; 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. 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." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). 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.'" 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.

Anthem: *Because He Lives* - Gloria and William Gaither; arr. Jack Schrader
Grace United Church Choir

Life Lesson: "To See the Lord: Amid Trauma..."

WE SEEK PEACE & COMMUNION

Preparing our hearts for Communion: Voices United #: 480

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

1. Let us break bread together on our knees,
let us break bread together on our knees.
Refrain: When I fall down on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees,
let us drink wine together on our knees.
Refrain: When I fall down on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.
3. Let us praise God together on our knees,
let us praise God together on our knees.
Refrain: When I fall down on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.



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GOD'S BANQUET... OUR PARTICIPATION...¹

One: Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit.

Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love:

We praise you for Jesus Christ,

who reminds us that even in fear-filled days,
cloaked with the powers of death,
your eternal love arises, and never leaves us.

We rejoice with all your people and with the angels,
because *Love* is stronger than death!

**All: Holy is Jesus, God Incarnate, the Risen Christ,
whose mercy gathers us together in community,
whose grace meets us in our brokenness,
and whose loving faithfulness gives us renewed hope.**

One: In this meal, we remember Jesus, his promises,
and the price he paid for who he was, what he said,
and what he did; for our benefit.

On the night before Jesus died,

He took a loaf of bread,

Gave thanks, broke it, and said,

"Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.

Do this, in remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup and poured, saying,

"This is the cup of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for all people.

Do this in remembrance of me."

In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

**All: We remember Christ's life of love, and friendship, and teaching,
We remember Christ's dying, and rising to life again.**

One: Bless this bread and this cup,

the wheat and the grape,

the farmer and the harvest,

the seed and the Sower.

These simple elements are shared in community,

so that we may taste and see your goodness

and become *the United and the Uniting* body of Christ.

For it is through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

that all glory is yours, God most holy,

now and forevermore.

¹ Adapted from UCC – USA – April 10, 2022 – written by: Rev .Dr. Sheila Harvey Guillaume, pastor of Union Congregational United Church of Christ in West Palm Beach.

The Prayer of Jesus (ALL):

At this time, we proclaim the glory of your name with the saints of the past, the present and the future and we come to you as our Mother and...

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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who

trespass against us.



**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

One: The body of Christ,

All: the bread of life.

One: The essence of Christ,

All: the cup of blessing.

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sharing of the elements –

Jesus the Bread of Life – Bread for the Journey.

Jesus the True Vine – The Cup of the New Covenant.

Post-Communion Prayer (Responsive):

One: O Christ, we thank you for this feast of life.

Fed by your love, and strengthened by your life;

we humbly accept your call to go

into this world to live with hope,

and to share your joy.

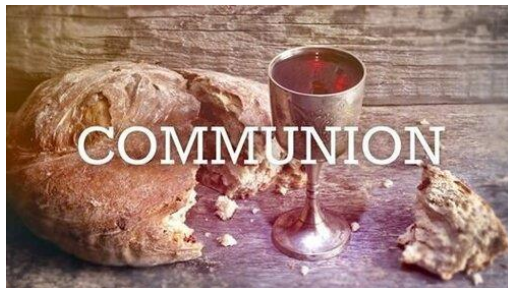
All: You commission us to

feed as we have been fed,

forgive as we have been forgiven,

and love as we have been loved.

Thanks be to God. Amen.



Offertory Song: Voices United # 164

"The Day of Resurrection"

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness, the passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be free of evil, that we may see aright
the Christ in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and, listening to the accents, may hear so calm and plain
Christ's own 'All hail!' and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ indeed is risen, our Joy that has no end.

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Our Offerings Make Miracles Evident

We Give Generously with Joy and Gratitude to Help Make Miracles Visible.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (Responsive):

One: God of love,

We offer our gifts of time, spiritual gifts, and financial gifts

as a sign of our love for you and the world.

We ask a special blessing on these gifts

where you meet us in our suffering, and raise us up,

so that all may come to know of your abiding love.

All: O God, we give these gifts as you have given them unto us.

In the name of Jesus, the Resurrected One. Amen.

Thank you to Carolyn & Paul Scott, Rhea Roantree and Dianna Grier for decorating the Sanctuary, display case and planters for Easter. Everything looks so lovely. We are fortunate to have such creative people in our Grace Church Family.

Thank you to Gillian MacDonald, our guest Trumpeter this Easter Sunday. We appreciate Gillian joining us this morning and sharing her time and talents with us.

Offerings – April 10, 2022 - Attendance: 50

	Sunday
General	\$ 602.00
Mission & Service	\$ 32.00
Local Missions	\$ 10.00

Thank you for your offerings

PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME & AMOUNT ON YOUR ENVELOPE

Copies of Grace's Chatter (Spring Newsletter) are available in the Narthex. Please take one. The Newsletter is also emailed out to those that we have contact for. Would you like a copy emailed to you. Send Laurie your information. grace.gan@outlook.com. We are asking for more contributions to or newsletter. Do you have a great story of summer recipes you would like to share? Please send you recipes to Laurie or Paul Scott. Deadline June 10th.

This Community of Faith acknowledges all traditional territories, all ceded and unceded lands that we live upon - and give thanks for all the generations of people who have taken care of these lands before us and still do with us today. May we be open to historical truths and may we continue to learn from the past, shape our present time and build a better world with All People.



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There are many ways you can partner up with God's Mission through Grace United Church and help make a difference.

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The 2022 Directory will be available soon

Sunday, April 24th – 10:30 am Service - 2nd Sunday after Easter

Worship Leader: Barb Dejeet

Important Information

We ask that everyone wear a mask unless seated and to wear one while singing. The policy will be reviewed again in a few weeks. Thank you for your cooperation.

Service will also be shown live on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmlG7LnX1jKJnEg>

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The service from the previous week will be shown on COGECO channel 13 or 700HD at 10:30 am Sunday mornings.