

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

Asheville, North Carolina

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May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Presbyterian Women Sunday



Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Prelude

This Joyful Eastertide

setting by John Ferguson

Call to Worship

*** Processional Hymn 305**

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

*** Call to Reconciliation**

*** Prayer of Confession**

(Sacred Silence)

Loving God,

We confess that we criticize and pass judgement on others. We have sought to control the way they live their lives of service to you. Forgive us for our short-sightedness and sin. Help us to understand, appreciate and love our siblings in Christ, who have diverse experiences and life challenges. Help us to recognize the variety of ways we can express our faithfulness and love to you. Amen.

* Assurance of God's Grace and Love

* Sung Response

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B \flat E \flat B \flat Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F \sharp) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

* Passing of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Faith Sharing

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Revelation 21:1-6

Sermon

“All Things New”

Richard Coble

Anthem

Cantate Domino

Pittoni

Affirmation of Faith *(from "A Brief Statement of Faith")*

**The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and
Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Prayers of the People

*Each section of the prayer will conclude: "God, in your grace"
Please respond: "Hear our prayer"*

The 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.**

Offering

Offertory

Hymn of Promise

setting by John Carter

* Hymn 756

O God of Every Nation

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* Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in G Minor

J. S. Bach

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me © 2008 Paul M. Vasile, Used by permission.

Prayer of Confession from Celebrate the Gifts of Women by Rhashell D. Hunter.

Please remain seated during the Postlude.

*** Please Stand in Body or Spirit.**

We gather to worship God who is larger than all our imaginations!

We encourage all persons to sing the nouns and pronouns they prefer in referring to God.

Liturgists: Presbyterian Women

Head Usher: Eleanor Lane

Deacon of the Week: Bill Ryan | email: bill73ryan@gmail.com

Thank you to Cecil Jividen for the flowers that decorate the sanctuary this morning, given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sandy Spencer Jividen.

Welcome Visitors!

Please take a moment to fill out the visitor card found in your pew to let us know more about you and place it in the offering boxes right outside the sanctuary.

Large print bulletins are available from an usher.

Childcare is available for children, birth to 4 years of age.
Check-in is by the Welcome Desk in the narthex.



For more info on announcements



To give to GPCPC

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WELCOME STATEMENT

Trusting that God's grace embraces and desires covenant with all people, Grace Covenant seeks to be an inclusive and hospitable place of spiritual growth. All persons are welcomed into this fellow ship and membership regardless of age, sexual orientation, ethnic, racial, or gender identity, economic position, residency status, or political affiliation. We trust that God is always at work transforming each life and our life together, helping us to better follow Christ's example of love and courageous welcome.

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