

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

Asheville, North Carolina

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March 31, 2024

Easter

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper



Your whole self is welcomed here. Please feel free to take care of your body during worship in ways that work for you.

Gathering Music

Morning Song

arr. Cliff Aerie

* Opening Hymn

Jesus Christ is Risen Today
(revised lyrics)

EASTER HYMN

**1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia!
our exultant holy day, alleluia!
who the truth did so reveal, alleluia!
Shared the love that all does heal, alleluia!**

**2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!
Let our joyful voices ring, alleluia!
who endured deep loss and harm, alleluia!
Those in power he did disarm, alleluia!**

**3 But the pain which Christ did face, alleluia!
Unfolds in mercy and grace; alleluia!
Now among us love is here, alleluia!
Freedom for all, far and near, alleluia!**

Welcome Home: Chapter One

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

Truth Telling Together

Assurance of God's Love

* Passing of the Peace

**There is mercy enough;
There is grace enough;
There is love enough for all of us.**

GCPC Connects

Community Land Acknowledgement

ALL: We acknowledge our complicated history on this land called "Togiyasdi," by the Fire People, the Cherokee ancestors. And we are working to deepen our understanding of the harmful history of Christianity, and the ways Christians have stolen land from non-Christians all over the world. We acknowledge the sacredness of these ancient mountains and in the mystery and majesty of all the wildlife and trees and plants that thrive here. We are thankful for signs of resilience and resolve in the way this land now grows food and community. Together we practice following Spirit on unknown paths, letting go and leaning in. We believe that we can change and that the world can change, too.

* Glory to God *(note: "pardoned" changed to "embraces")*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace embraces me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.**

Faith Sharing

*(*Children will remain in worship...childcare for children 4 and under is available.)*

Offering

Bell Anthem Joyful Rhythm

Kevin McChesney

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-18

Welcome Home: Chapter Two

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to The Table

"Welcome at the Table"
GCPC Kids

Melanie DeMore

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Lord's Prayer *(Friendship Presbyterian Church, Chicago, IL)*

Our Mothering, Guiding Moral Force,

Gracious and Loving, Creator,

Who is our strength and shield and promises

never to leave or forsake us,

Who enfolds us and is all around us,

in heaven and earth.

**Blessed and cherished, divine and wondrous,
and powerful are you.**

**May your purpose and everlasting presence,
your dream and vision of a world of peace, come to be.**

**And may your hope for us be realized on earth
as it is in heaven.**

Give each one of us enough to sustain all of us.

In our imperfections, we ask for forgiveness

For ourselves, from the bondage of selfishness,

From the distraction of prideful pursuits.

**Help us to find the best of our human selves and to love
that which others reject.**

**For all that you have created, the beauty and grace
and the glory is yours forever.**

Amen. So be it!

Words of Institution

Communion of the People *(All bread is gluten-free.)*

Come to the table of grace (2X)

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of peace...love...hope...joy...

Prayer After Communion

Anthem

Hallelujah!

Rosephanye Powell

Welcome Home: Chapter Three

Charge

Community Recessional

Halle, Halle, Halle

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (3X)

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Benediction

**Stand in Body or Spirit.*

Worship Leader: Isabel Alcalá-Williams

Musicians: MC Ellis, Andrew Kominski, Nadia Kominski, Blake Bradley, Choir, Bell Choir, Mika Hood (guest cellist) **Head Usher:** Cathy Froehlich

Deacon of the Week: Robin Mallernee | **email:** mom.mallernee@gmail.com

Thank you to Dr. Marilyn Roderick, Allen Knicely and Mary Berg for the flowers that decorate the sanctuary this morning.

Dr. Marilyn Roderick and Allen Knicely give in memory of her mother, Juanita Roderick Latham, PhD, who went home to God on February 25, 2024. She was a Presbyterian church member for 70 years and an Elder for many. She loved children and books and will be missed by so many.

Mary Berg gives in loving memory of her parents Mary Abbie and Mervin John Berg.

Childcare is available for children, birth to 4 years of age.

Check-in is by the Welcome Desk in the narthex.



Announcement Info



2024 Pledge Card



To give to GCPC

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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 fellowship 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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