

Worship Service

April 3, 2021

GPC Woodlands | CCLI #

0:00	Prelude And Can It Be w/ Amazing Grace - Brass Quartet and piano
0:00	<i>And Can It Be w/ Amazing Grace</i> G Default Arrangement Brass Quartet with Piano
WELCOME	
2:00	Words of Welcome
0:00	Call to Worship: based on 1 Peter 1:3-5: Brad -based on 1 Peter 1:3-5 Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen. People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. People: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead. Leader: God has claimed us as his own. People: He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world. Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen. People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!
0:00	Christ the Lord is Risen Today C Default Arrangement Song of Praise (2 Stanzas)
0:00	Scripture Reading: Mark 15:42-16:8: Brad 15:42 It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached, 43 Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. 44 Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. 45 When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. 46 So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. 47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid. 0:00 16:1 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. 2 Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb 3 and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" 4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. 5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. 6 "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

	8 Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.
0:00	<p>#1 Prayer of Adoration: Brad</p> <p>ALL: Holy God, creator of all, the risen Christ taught from Scripture of his death, resurrection, and ascension into your glorious presence. May the living Lord breathe on us his peace, that our eyes may be opened to recognize him in breaking bread and to follow wherever he leads, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.</p>
0:00	<p>Alleluia! Alleluia! F</p> <p>Default Arrangement Song of Adoration (3 Stanzas)</p>
0:00	<p>Private Adoration and Praise: Kyle</p> <p>Please spend just a few moments silently reflecting and adoring our risen King. (20 seconds)</p>
RENEWAL	
0:00	<p>Scripture Reading: John 20:10-29: Kyle</p> <p>Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her. On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."</p>
0:00	<p>#2 Confession of Sin: Kyle</p> <p>ALL: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.</p>
1:00	<p>Private Confession and Reflection: Kyle</p>
0:00	<p>Words of Encouragement: 1 Peter 1:18-21: Kyle</p> <p>Know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.</p> <p>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.</p>

0:00	<p>Before the Throne D</p> <p>Default Arrangement Song of Thanksgiving</p>
0:00	<p>Peace of Christ: Easter: Kyle</p> <p>Minister: Joyful is the sound we make this on this day!</p> <p>People: For this day liberates us from doubt and fear.</p> <p>Minister: Thankful is the song we sing!</p> <p>People: For this day moves us past darkness and despair.</p> <p>Minister: Hopeful is the prayer upon our lips!</p> <p>People: For this day awakens in us long-awaited new life.</p> <p>Minister: Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them."</p> <p>People: Christ lives here and now. He is among us at this and every moment.</p> <p>Minister: May his peace and presence be with you.</p> <p>People: And also with you.</p> <p>Please turn to one another and greet each other with the peace of Christ. Children ages 4 - 2nd grade are dismissed for children's worship.</p>
0:00	<p>I Know My Redeemer - (Doxology) O</p> <p>Default Arrangement</p>
2:00	<p>Announcements: Kyle</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome 2. Easter Egg Hunt, Brunch, and Brief Meditation at Grace Presbyterian Church tomorrow morning at 10:00am. 3. Next week, we will be back at the WoodsEdge Community Church at 6:00pm for worship. 4. For more announcements, please check out www.gracewoodlands.org/announcements
0:00	<p>Prayers of the People #1: Kyle</p> <p>Kyle Only (not in live stream) We worship you, Jesus, our Savior; you conquered death by your cross: you are the stone rejected by the builders; you have become the cornerstone: make all of us living stones in your church. We pray to you for Christians: may they live in the joy of the resurrection and be a visible sign of your presence by their mutual love. We pray to you for the leaders of your church: as they celebrate your resurrection with all your servants, may they be strengthened for your service. We pray to you for the leaders of the nations: may they exercise their office as servants of justice and peace. We pray to you for all who are suffering from illness, grief, old age, and exile: may your resurrection be a source of comfort and aid for them.</p> <p>We pray today Lord that our faith would be made alive, just as Christ himself is alive. For those of us weak in faith, make us strong. For those of us experiencing doubt, assure us with your Spirit.</p> <p>We give you thanks for your church in the Woodlands, specifically today we thank you for Jeff Wells at the WoodsEdge and for Scot Pollok at Faith Bible. Bless these churches as they continue to love and serve in the name of Christ. We ask that same prayer for us, for the mission of Grace Presbyterian Church, that we would be a people who experience and express your grace to one another and toward our community. Provide for us and guide us as we trust in you.</p> <p>And now, we pray the prayer our Savior taught us to pray, saying:</p> <p>Livestream & Kyle: 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 for ever. Amen!</p>

0:00	<p>Offering</p> <p>The offering is a way for members and friends of Grace Presbyterian Church to support the church's mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give.</p>
0:00	<p>4 Easter Quartets <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Default Arrangement</p>
SERMON	
30:00	<p>Scripture: Mark 12:28-34: Brad</p> <p>28 One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"</p> <p>29 "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."</p> <p>32 "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. 33 To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."</p> <p>34 When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.</p>
0:00	<p>Sermon</p> <p>Title: Not Far Off Speaker: Pastor Brad Wright</p>
COMMUNION	
0:00	<p>The Great Thanksgiving: Easter: Brad</p> <p>Minister: How does Christ's resurrection benefit you?</p> <p>People: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.</p> <p>Minister: Therefore, lift up your hearts.</p> <p>People: We lift them up to the Lord.</p> <p>Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.</p> <p>People: It is right to give him thanks and praise!</p> <p>Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:</p> <p>People: Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!</p>
0:00	<p>Lift High the Cross <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Default Arrangement Song of Communion Stanzas 1, 2, and 4</p>
3:00	<p>Prayer and Words of Institution: Brad</p>
0:00	<p>Distribution of the Bread and Cup: Brad</p> <p>Your communion elements are placed on your seat to ensure contactless serving. To open, peel back the first plastic seal to expose the unleavened wafer. Then peel back the second plastic seal to expose the juice. Once opened, please hold the elements until all have received so we can celebrate this meal together. If you need gluten-free elements please let an</p>

	usher know.
0:00	Lift High the Cross C Default Arrangement Song of Commitment Stanza 5 followed by Chorus
0:00	Benediction: 1 Timothy 1:17: Kyle Raise your hands and receive the Lord's blessing as you go out from this place: Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.
0:00	Dismissal: Easter: Kyle Minister: Now, let us go forth to serve this community and the world as those who love our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ is risen! ALL: Thanks be to God! He is risen indeed!