



April 20, 2025

Worshipping Together on the Lord's Day

Welcome -

We are so glad you are here, whether in person or online! If you have any questions about Grace, please do not hesitate to ask. Connection Cards are placed on the back of seats and on our web site to help us get to know you better and to answer any questions you might have.

For Children -

Bulletins & Children's Church: We have provided activity bags in the foyer complete with an age-appropriate sermon outline to help them follow along. Also, Children's Church is available during the worship service for kids age 3—1st grade. The worship leader will dismiss them at the appropriate time.

Nursery: Nursery is available throughout the worship time for children, birth through three years old, in the back of the building in room 114.

Extra Help for Parents -

Should you need to step out with your child, there is a nursing mothers room in the back of the building to the left. Audio of the service is available in the foyer.

Guiding People from Curious to Mission
through the Gospel and Community

Grace is a congregation of the
Presbyterian Church in America.

Meditation

“God’s great plan was this: that inasmuch as his justice could not overlook sin, and must be punished, Jesus Christ should come and take the sin of his people upon himself, and upon the accursed tree, the cross of ignominious note, should suffer what was due in our behalf, and then through his sufferings the infinite love of God should stream forth without any contravention of his infinite justice. This is what God did.”

- CHARLES SPURGEON

And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

- PHILIPPIANS 2:8-10

Welcome

*Please silence your cell phones. Take a moment to fill out the **Connection Card** and place it in the offering box as you exit the sanctuary.*

Worship Leader: Kevin Monroe, Elder

Prayer of Invocation

CHRIST IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN INDEED

Grace Family Choir

Call to Worship[†]

1 Peter 1:3, 2:9, Luke 24:34

LEADER: *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living
hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

ALL: *He has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

LEADER: *Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

ALL: *He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

Congregational Song of Praise[†]

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY (HE IS NOT DEAD)

Oh (8X)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say,
Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing ye heavens and
earth reply, Alleluia!

Oh (2X)

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, oh death, is now thy sting?
Alleluia! Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, oh grave?
Alleluia!

Chorus:

He is not dead, He is alive, We have this hope in Jesus Christ.

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight the battle won,
Alleluia! Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise,
Alleluia!

Chorus

Oh (2X)

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head,
Alleluia! Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave,
the skies, Alleluia!

Chorus

Oh (5X)

HOUSE OF THE LORD

We worship the God who was, We worship the God who is, We worship the
God who evermore will be; He opened the prison doors, He parted the raging
sea, My God He holds the victory yeah.

Chorus:

*There's joy in the house of the Lord, There's joy in the house of the Lord
today, And we won't be quiet, We shout out Your praise, There's joy in
the house of the Lord; Our God is surely in this place, And we won't be
quiet, We shout out Your praise.*

We sing to the God who heals, We sing to the God who saves, We sing to the
God who always makes a way; 'Cause He hung up on that cross, Then He
rose up from that grave, My God's still rolling stones away.

Chorus

Bridge:

**We were the beggars, Now we're royalty, We were the prisoners,
Now we're running free; We are forgiven accepted, Redeemed by His
grace, Let the house of the Lord sing praise.**

Chorus:

***There's joy in the house of the Lord, There's joy in the house of the
Lord today, And we won't be quiet, We shout out Your praise, There's
joy in the house of the Lord; Our God is surely in this place, And we
won't be quiet, We shout out Your praise.***

Prayer of Adoration[†]

Scripture Reading

Psalm 103:1-2

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.*

Corporate Confession

***Almighty Father, like the younger brother we often sin in self-
destructive, self-centered ways, squandering your blessing for our
own desires. Forgive us, Father. And yet, like the older brother we sin
in seeking to be morally upright in our outward appearances while
inwardly we reek of unrighteous anger and disdain for your people
and your promises. Father, forgive us. Let us find grace in your Son,
Jesus Christ. Turn our gaze on your Spirit as well, who convicts our
hearts and leads us in praise to you. Amen.***

Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Pardon

Psalm 103:3-4

[The Lord] who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Westminster Shorter Catechism #38

LEADER: *What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?*

ALL: *At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged & acquitted in the day of judgment, and make perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.*

Song of Assurance[†]

BECAUSE HE LIVES (AMEN)

I believe in the Son, I believe in the Risen One, I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood.

Chorus:

***Amen, amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives, Amen, amen
Let my song join the one that never ends. (Because He lives)***

I was dead in the grave, I was covered in sin and shame, I heard mercy call
my name, He rolled the stone away.

Chorus

Bridge:

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, Because He lives ev'ry fear is
gone; I know He holds my life, My future in His hand.**

Chorus

Greeting Time[†]

Children's Church

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes & Offerings

You may give your offering by using the “give” button online at www.gracepca.net or those worshipping in person may give their gift in the offering box by the sanctuary exit to the foyer.

Offertory

CHRISTUS VICTOR (AMEN)

Grace Family Choir

Sermon

WAS LOST BUT NOW IS FOUND

Luke 15:11-32

Rev. Mike McLaughlin

The Lord's Supper

You will be dismissed by row in which you will walk to the front, pick up your cup/wafer, and take it back to your seat. Please hold on to your cup where you can dispose of it in the trash receptacles as you exit the sanctuary. Grace Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust Jesus Christ for salvation, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us.

Children should take the Communicant's Class and meet with the Elders before taking the Lord's Supper.

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm; What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease; My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save; Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied; For every sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain; Then bursting forth in glorious Day, Up from the grave He rose again; And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ!

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny; No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand; Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Song of Response[†]

THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD

Would you be free from your burden of sin? There's power in the blood,
power in the blood; Would you o'er evil a victory win, there's wonderful
power in the blood.

Would you be free from your passion and pride? There's power in the
blood, power in the blood; Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide, There's
wonderful power in the blood.

Chorus:

***There is power, power, wonder-working power, In the blood of the
Lamb; There is power, power, wonder-working power, In the precious
blood of the Lamb.***

Would you do service for Jesus your King? There's power in the blood,
power in the blood; Would you live daily His praises to sing? There's
wonderful power in the blood.

Chorus

Bridge:

Lord how we need your power, every day and every hour. (3X)

Chorus

Benediction[†]

¹¹ And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger!' ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹ And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

FINANCIALS

2025 FINANCIAL SUMMARY	March
Budget	\$136,433
Received	\$127,838
Total	(\$8,595)

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