

Grove Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

(2nd Sunday of Easter)

10:15 AM

April 23, 2017

--Ready for the Word--

Announcements and Welcome

Musical Prelude

Invitation to Worship

Leader: We come again to celebrate resurrection. God gives us new birth into a living hope.

People: Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice. God shows us the path of life.

Leader: Again, Jesus says to us: Peace be with you. Come to receive life in Christ's name.

People: We rejoice in God's amazing good news. In God's presence, we find fullness of joy.

Leader: Let us worship our Lord.

*We Sing Together

Hymnbook No. 104

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

We Confess Together

Forgive us, God, for seeking to limit your truth to what we can understand. Forgive us for chasing after deities of our own making. We are so busy with them that we forget to open ourselves to your larger reality. We reduce the circles of connection and caring that Jesus demonstrated. Goodness is crucified by our narrow prejudices, and our doubts plunge us into despair. Be to us a refuge, granting us courage to face the questions that haunt us until they lead to deeper understanding. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: God never abandons us, no matter how far we stray. We have a rich heritage which is ours to claim.

People: God shows us the path of life and offers us fullness of joy. Let our hearts be glad and our tongues rejoice.

Leader: The living Christ is in our midst. We are granted new birth into a living hope.

*Response

Hymnbook No. 118

"The Day of Resurrection!"

(verse 2)

*Our hearts be pure from evil, That we may see a-right
The Lord in ways eternal Of resurrection light;
And, listening to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.*

--Receiving the Word--

*Passing of the Peace

Children's Story

*Song of Praise

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"Will You Come and Follow Me"

(verses 1-4)

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (page 698)

Jeremiah 1: 4-8

New Testament Lesson (page 166)

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

Reflection

"You Called"

Musical Offering

by J.S. Bach

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

--Responding to the Word--

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymnbook Pg. 16

Offertory

arranged by Bennett

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

*Hymn of Commitment

Hymnbook No. 343

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction

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"Will You Come and Follow Me"

(verse 5)

*Musical Postlude

*Please rise as able

Participants in today's service include: Molly Peterson, Jill Young, Kayla Rose Harrison, and Craig Bond (worship leaders), Kayla Haskins (children's story), Stephanie Smith-Cooney (musical offering), Greg Bitler (offertory), Scott Lawvere (organist), Rev. Steve Cureton (reflection).
Reflection for next week: *Guest Preacher*