

Grove Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

3rd Sunday of Easter
Music Appreciation Sunday

10:15 AM

April 30, 2017

--Ready for the Word--

Announcements and Welcome

Musical Prelude

arranged by Mansfield

“Come, We That Love the Lord”

Invitation to Worship

Leader: We gather this day as Sisters and Brothers in Christ. What shall we do now?

People: We shall praise God who draws near to us, who hears our prayers, and brings new life out of death.

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, how shall we live?

People: With the confidence of God’s beloved children, with the security and joy of God’s saving grace.

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, what is the promise?

People: New life, forgiveness of sin, and the gift of the Spirit.

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, how shall we praise?

People: We lift our voices and our hearts in love, thanks, and praise!

Leader: Loving God, we welcome your living presence in our midst. Share our joy and our thanks for the life you give us. Sing with us! Dance among us! Pray with us! Shower us with your love!

People: Amen!

Choral Beginning

by Handel

“Lift High to God a Song of Praise”

*We Sing Together

Hymnbook No. 122

“Thine Is the Glory”

We Confess Together

Heavenly Stranger, our Companion on the Way, we yearn for your love and grace. We seek your wisdom and guidance. We relish the joy which burns within our hearts when you are with us. Yet sometimes we would cling to you, hoard the blessings of our relationship with you, and not share your love with others. Forgive us. Remind us that your love is to be carried throughout the world. Press us to share the hope and joy of your love, so that

someone who hungers for spiritual food may be filled by our witness to your grace. Shine the light of your Spirit through us, so that we may show your Way to those who long for peace and those in whom hope has died. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

God may come to us, unrecognized, as a stranger. The Risen Christ reaches out to us in unexpected ways as we travel our own Emmaus roads. May the Word of our Risen Christ continue to burn in our hearts.

*Response

Hymnbook No. 587

“Amen”

--Receiving the Word--

*Passing of the Peace

Children’s Story

*Song of Praise

Grove Sings Pg. 15 - 16

“Down in My Heart”

Prayer for Understanding

Epistle Lesson (page 232)

1 Peter 1:17-23

Gospel Lesson (page 90)

Luke 24:13-35

Reflection

“Keep the Fire Burning”

Musical Offering

by Myryn & Redman

“10,000 Reasons”

(Bless the Lord)

--Responding to the Word--

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Hymnbook Pg. 16

Offertory

arranged by Kim

“Nothing But the Blood of Jesus”

*Hymn of Commitment

Hymnbook No. 302

“I Danced in the Morning”

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction – *Congregation invited to join* Grove Sings Pg. 84

“The Trees of the Field”

*Musical Postlude

by Ritter

“Go Forth in Faith”

*Please rise as able

Participants in today’s service include: Lynne A. Pabst (worship leader and children’s story), Senior Choir (musical offering), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Sally Dries (reflection). Reflection for next week: “Judging a Baseball by its Horsehide”