

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 23, 2017

Second Sunday of Easter

Good morning! We wish God's grace and peace to you as we worship this morning. During the welcome, please sign the registration pads. If you are a first time visitor, we welcome you this morning and pray you have a meaningful worship time with us. (CCLI 1765953)

WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Ministers – The Congregation
Pastor – Mark Chow

GATHERING FOR CELEBRATION

WORSHIP CHIMES

Marcie Butterfield

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / INVOCATION

Pastor Mark

GREETING

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAISE

*HYMN OF PRAISE 304 "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

*OPENING PRAYER

Coty Brown

Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(As the children come forward and depart the sanctuary, the congregation sings "Lord of the Dance" - 261 - refrain)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Sarah Burris

(Children will go downstairs for KidsOwnWorship)

CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE John 20:19-31

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Mark Chow

PEACE BE WITH YOU

CELEBRATION THROUGH OUR GIFTS

CALL TO PRAYER 162 "Alleluia, Alleluia" [vs. 1, 2]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Coty Brown

Let us pray with and for the church and the world.

With all who are afraid this day because of health, or lack of resources, or threats to their lives or the lives of those they love, we stretch our hands to you:

Lord, have mercy.

With all who need you to enter their situation at this moment and speak "Peace", we stretch

our hands to you:

Lord, have mercy.

With all who have been wounded by others in this world, justly or unjustly, we stretch our hands to you:

Lord have mercy.

With all who rejoice in your resurrection and with all who mourn those who have died, we stretch our hands to you:

Lord have mercy.

For all who bring peace or work for peace and justice in the world, we stretch our hands to you:

Lord have mercy.

With all whom you have sent into the world, in every land and nation, we stretch our hands to you:

Lord have mercy.

Breathe afresh on us, that we may receive of the Holy Spirit as we stretch our hands to you, praying:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RESPONSE

"Alleluia, Alleluia" (vs. 3, 4)

THE PEACE

Pastor Mark

While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. While they were still cowering in fear, Christ announced peace to his disciples and sent them as the Father had sent them in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Christ announces peace to us and sends us, in our fear and despite our sins, as agents of forgiveness, healing, and peace. This is the foundation of ministry in Jesus.

And so, the peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

CELEBRATION THROUGH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

Coty Brown

GOING FORTH TO CELEBRATE

*CLOSING HYMN 303 "The Day of Resurrection"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION 431 "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

POSTLUDE

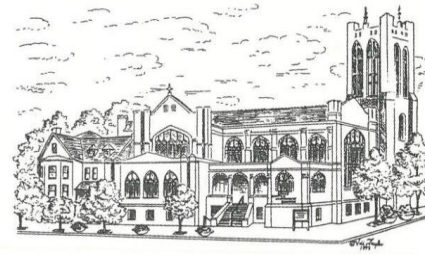
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THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given in celebration of Bill Stewart's 70th birthday by his loving family.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School – 18 Worship – 58, 166

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

April 24 Barbara Funk, Kay Hartley, Bill Stewart, Chris Tooms
April 26 Karen Vincent
April 27 Nathan Beam
April 28 Lois Dearth, Dee Luburgh, Scott McLain
April 29 Reece Jones, Tricia Sidwell, Chris Thompson



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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, April 23	12:00 p.m.	Spring Into Health GRACEfully – F. Hall Club Jesus – Outreach Comm.
Monday, April 24	6:30 p.m.	Grief Share – Parlor
Tuesday, April 25	7:00 p.m.	Yoga – Parlor
Wednesday, April 26	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, April 27	12:45 p.m.	Carr Center Cake Auction – Grace Cake #88
Friday, April 28	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor
Saturday, April 29	8:15 a.m.	Early Service – Fellowship Hall
Sunday, April 30	9:00-10:15	Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall
	9:15-10:15	Sunday School – all ages
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

VISION STATEMENT for Grace Church

GRACE WILL Gather to worship God — Grow spiritually — Go serve and make disciples

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER INITIATIVE

Saturday – **May 13** – 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. – Rolling Plains UMC [3350 Moxahala Park Rd.]
BPI forms a foundation and its implementation has shown itself to be the single greatest factor contributing to a church's revitalization and renewed fruitfulness. This may be the most important ingredient to add our church into a new season of hope and possibility!

Close Encounters

Today is the second Sunday in the Season of Eastertide. During this Holy Season, we continue to celebrate the Resurrection and the gift of new life that comes from our Lord Jesus Christ. For the next few weeks, we will consider the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus and how His presence transformed the lives of many. During this time we will discover how we can live fully as His Disciples. Today we focus on Jesus' appearance to, and commissioning of, His first Disciples.

8:15 a.m. Worship Celebration

This morning, we welcome Marcie Butterfield as our guest pianist.

Gathering for Celebration

Welcome and announcements

Celebration Through Praise

Celebration Through God's Word

Scripture – John 20:19-31

The Word of God for the People of God.

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Message – *Peace Be With You!* — Pastor Mark Chow

Celebration Through Our Gifts

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Going Forth to Celebrate

NEXT SUNDAY – April 30 – Two by Two Band will lead us in worship along with our young people.