

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 8, 2018

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

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

PRELUDE

"Variations on 'Child of Blessing'"

Tony Merry  
Pastor Mark  
G. W. Cassler

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAISE

\*OPENING HYMN 374 "Standing on the Promises"

\*OPENING PRAYER

Coty Brown

**O Lord, your wondrous birth means nothing unless we are born again,  
your death and sacrifice mean nothing unless we die to sin,  
your resurrection means nothing if you be risen alone.**

**Raise and exalt us, O Savior, both to the state of grace and the state of glory;  
where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, forever and ever. Amen.**

ANTHEM "For the Beauty of the Earth"

arr. McDonald

*Grace Chancel Choir*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM 39-44 Macy June Palmer

*Daughter of Brady & Allison Palmer  
Granddaughter of Rick & Cindy Lawyer  
Great-granddaughter of June Lawyer*

BAPTISM RESPONSE "God Claims You" (congregation singing)

Macy, Macy, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be.

Macy, Macy, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Janet Hill; Sarah Burris

(Children will go downstairs for KidsOwnWorship)

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAYER

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER MOMENT

CALL TO PRAYER 328 "Surely the Presence of the Lord"

Cindy Lawyer

#### BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER

**God of Miracles, We praise your Holy name and thank you for loving us!**

**Awaken Grace Church to your calling....**

**Unleash your power within us....**

**Break through our hearts and minds....so we will be open to your God-sized plans.**

**Let your light shine through us, so we may be an example of your love to others!**

**In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"He Called Little Children"

A. Jordan

\*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

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION insert

"Cares Chorus"

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31; Acts 4:23-31

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Mark Chow

BREAKTHROUGHS: PRAYING BOLDLY

CHRISTIAN WITNESS

Christy Swope

#### GOING FORTH TO CELEBRATE

\*CLOSING SONG 555

"Forward Through the Ages"

\*SENDING FORTH

Breakthrough Prayer

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 585

"This Little Light of Mine" [vs. 1]

POSTLUDE

"Today in Triumph Christ Arose"

J. S. Bach

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**THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY** are in celebration of Joe & Laile McBride's 63rd anniversary given by their children and grandchildren.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School – 28

Worship – 37, 166

#### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

April 8 Dean Cole

April 9 Travis Sidwell, Jaymin Weaver

April 10 Linda Huston Moore, Devin Israel

April 11 Linda Friel, Becky Forster, Linda Sidwell

April 13 Lauren Wood

April 14 Coty Brown, Linda Hatfield, McKenzie Huston, Nellie Rutledge, Rachel Mayoras

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, April 8		
Monday, April 9	6:30 p.m.	Grief Share – Parlor
Tuesday, April 10		
Wednesday, April 11	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, April 12	6:30 p.m.	Women's Book Study
	7:30 p.m.	Administrative Board – Parlor
Friday, April 13	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor
Saturday, April 14		
Sunday, April 15	8:15 a.m.	Early Service – Fellowship Hall
	9:15–10:15	Sunday School – all ages
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service



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### VISION STATEMENT for Grace Church

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

#### Thanks to Our Worship Leaders this Morning

Hospitality Team – Dana & Cindi Swope, Cindy Lawyer, Mary Ruth Mock

Elevator Attendants – Chase & Sarah Tippie

Organist – Tony Merry

Lay Leader – Cindy Lawyer

Liturgist – Coty Brown

Children's Moment – Janet Hill, Sarah Burris

Children's Ministry Workers – Julie McAllister, Sarah Burris, Cindy Lawyer

Sound Technician – Craig Hill

Breakthrough Prayer Team – Christy Swope, Joyce Cooper, Mary Mason, Cindi Swope,  
Sarah Burris, Cindy Lawyer, Janet Hill, Pastor Mark

### KROGER PLUS CARD

Use your Kroger Plus Card and benefit Grace Church. The *Kroger Community Rewards* program is a great way to give back to the church.

This is a reminder that starting **April 1** it is time to **re-enroll** in the rewards program for the coming year. This procedure must be done online; the store is not allowed to enroll you.

Go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)

select store location

select 're-enroll' if enrolled in the past; select 'enroll' if new to the program, follow the instructions

Grace Church organization number is **81252** to use in registering.

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - "BREAKTHROUGHS"**

This morning we begin to focus on Breakthroughs. Quite simply a Breakthrough is: "a discovery or achievement that comes after a lot of hard work". (*MacMillan Dictionary*) Most of the time, breakthroughs take time, effort and hard work. This morning, we will consider how we might experience a Breakthrough as a Church Family and as individuals.

#### 8:15 a.m. Worship Celebration

*Thank you to Joyce Cooper and the Praise Team for leading us in worship.*

#### **Gathering for Celebration**

#### **Celebration Through Praise**

#### **Celebration Through Prayer**

Breakthrough Prayer Moment — Cindy Lawyer

#### **Celebration Through Our Gifts**

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

#### **Celebration Through God's Word**

Scripture — John 20:19-31; Acts 4:23-31 — Coty Brown

The Word of God for the People of God.

#### **Thanks be to God.**

Message — *Breakthroughs: Praying Boldly* — Pastor Mark Chow

Christian Witness — Christy Swope

#### **Going Forth to Celebrate**

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**NEXT Sunday, April 15** – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. – Third Sunday of Easter

10:30 = Two By Two will lead us in worship / Will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism

**OUTREACH** — During the month of April, the Outreach Committee will be collecting personal items to take to the residents of Transitions, our local shelter for battered women. We are asking the Grace Church family to help with this project. We are looking for Purex liquid laundry soap, dryer sheets, bleach, paper towels, toilet paper, fabric softener, bath towels, socks, hair clips, pony tail holders, microwave popcorn, and snack crackers. If you aren't able to shop, you may donate money and we will purchase items for you. We would like to thank everyone in advance for your generous donations. May God continue to bless us as we bless others!

**JOIN US FOR PASTA NIGHT** for the next Let's Break Bread Together dinner on Thursday,  
**April 26** — 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. — Fellowship Hall.  
Bring your favorite pasta to share. Salad, bread and drinks provided.