

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 28, 2017

Seventh 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 / INVOCATION

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

PRELUDE

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Risen with Christ, let us seek the realities of the Spirit.

Our life is hidden with Christ in God.

He who descended is also ascended far above the heavens, that He might fill all things.

When Christ, our Life, appears, we shall appear with him in Glory. Alleluia!

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAISE

*HYMN OF PRAISE 312 “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

*OPENING PRAYER

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM

“God Bless Our Land”

R. Kountz

Grace Women

(As the children come forward and depart the sanctuary, the congregation may sing “Lord of the Dance” - 261 - refrain)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children will go downstairs for KidsOwnWorship)

Coty Brown

CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL READING

John 17:1-11

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:6-14

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Mark Chow

ONE IN MINISTRY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / CALL TO CONFESSION / ONENESS IN MINISTRY

We have heard that you prayed for us, Jesus. “That we may be one, as you and the Father are one.”

You have been faithful, O God. You invite us into your very life, Three-in-One, so we may be as united in ministry as you are.

And we have not been faithful.

We have not respected the wisdom of the older and more experienced. And we have not been open to the passion and insights of the young and those newer among us. We have blocked ourselves and others from relationship with you, by our sin, our stubbornness, and our discomfort with your gifts of stability and change.

You would make us one in and through our distinctions, as you are One God in Three distinct persons.

And we continue to act as if oneness in ministry means everyone acts the way I or people like me prefer. Correct us, Lord. Heal us, Savior. Forgive us, O God. And restore us to the oneness in Christ, oneness with each other, and oneness in ministry for which Jesus prayed. Amen.

Silence

Count yourself corrected. Let God's healing power flow through you and toward one another. And know you are forgiven in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

One with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry, let us confess the faith of the one, holy and apostolic church in the words of the one confession that unites Christians everywhere.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 880 “The Nicene Creed”

CELEBRATION THROUGH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

“America the Beautiful”

arr. M. Sobaje

*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

GOING FORTH TO CELEBRATE

*CLOSING HYMN insert “Father, We Have Heard You Calling” (©2011 by Abingdon Press)

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION 672

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again” [vs. 1]

POSTLUDE

“Hyfrydol”

H. Rutz

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given by the Huffman family in memory of their parents, Walker & Mary Huffman, and dedicated to the men and women that have worn the uniform in serving our great country and who have preserved our freedoms. We especially remember those who have given the supreme sacrifice.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School – 20 Worship – 25, 88

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

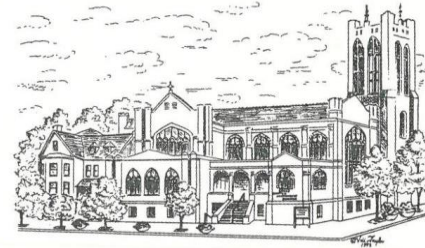
May 29 Jim Goodrich
 May 30 Paul Kinsey, Kevin Peters, Lucy Thorne, Dawna Young
 May 31 Gabe Dolen, Jim Thorne
 June 1 Sam Marlowe, Carol Woods
 June 3 Kyle Elston, Richard Hardesty, Cindi Swope

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, May 28		
Monday, May 29	<i>OFFICE CLOSED</i>	
Tuesday, May 30		
Wednesday, May 31	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, June 1	6:30 p.m.	Women's Book Study – Classroom
Friday, June 2	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor
Saturday, June 3		
Sunday, June 4	8:15 a.m.	Early Service – Fellowship Hall
	9:00-10:15	Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall
	9:15-10:15	Sunday School – all ages
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	7:00 p.m.	Z. Memorial Band Concert – Zane's Landing

VISION STATEMENT for Grace Church

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



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Memorial Day Weekend / Ascension Sunday

Today is the seventh Sunday in the Season of Eastertide. This weekend we honor those who died in battle, fighting for our freedom, and are also grateful for all our veterans.

Today we also celebrate when Jesus, the Prince of Peace, ascended into heaven, having empowered the Disciples to be united in ministry and to be His witnesses.

8:15 a.m. Worship Celebration

Thank you to Joyce Cooper and our Praise Team for leading the music.

Gathering for Celebration — “This Is My Song, O God of All the Nations” - Sibelius

Celebration Through Praise

Celebration Through God's Word

Scripture – John 17:1-11 / Acts 1:6-14

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Message – *One in Ministry* — Pastor Mark Chow

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Celebration Through Our Gifts

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory — “Let There Be Peace on Earth”- Miller & Jackson

Going Forth to Celebrate

Sending Music — “God of Our Fathers” - Warren

NEXT Sunday – June 4 – Two By Two will lead us in worship.

June 11 – Music Sunday. Holy Communion.