

Pastoral Concerns:

Bernice Hamrick, Lisa Thomas, Becky Justus, Bobby Justus, Sylvia Mahaney, Pat Medley, Vickie Hughes, Deborah Harkins, Wendy Blake, Helen Haberneck, Erin Haberneck, Carroll Marshal, David McKinney, Mike Duncan, Theo Weger and his parents Daniel and Christiana, Gus and Pat McKinney, Phillip and Caroline McKinney, Martha Pound, Lesha Justus, Eveline Horrell, Judy Weger, Conner Miller, Bobby Teague, the Wyatt family, Joe Davenport, Shirley Hise, the family of Lisa Jo McMahan, Sam Deyton, Heather English, Dr. Andrew Davis, Dennis Dale, Cathy Fullerton, and the family of Helen Greene.

Announcements:

Next Sunday is Holy Humor Sunday

Presbytery Meeting will be Tuesday April 25th at Montreat

5th Sunday is coming up on April 31st and we will be having lunch together at 12:30. We also invite you to make your hymn or special music suggestions to Eveline over the next couple weeks so we can include those in the service. Session will meet afterwards.

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Grassy Creek Presbyterian

April 16, 2017

We Worship, We Share, We Serve

Announcements and Welcome

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Prelude: *Woman Weeping in the Garden*

Preparation for the Word

Call to Worship

Christ is not among the dead;

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

Remember, he told you all these things must pass;

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

The tomb is empty; death does not have the final word!

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

Love Wins! Life Wins! Christ reigns forever!

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

****Hymn of Praise—104 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hossana!***

Unison Prayer of Confession

We come on this day, Dispeller of fears, walking through the shadows of our lives. Too often, we believe our foolishness is hidden from you; too often, we stand before the open door of hope, wondering if we dare enter. Uncertain of the good news offered to us, we would rather return to the comfort of our familiar ways rather than trusting in you. Yet you come, as persistent as Mary at the tomb, Joy of our hearts, to open the gates of hope, so we might walk in the gardens of hope; you come, to open the gates of grace, so we might plant peace in the wilderness of the world; you come, to open the gates of resurrection, so we might know our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

(a moment of silent confession) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

This is the day of resurrection and new life. This is the day God offers us steadfast hope and love which will never end. **We will sing and dance on this day! We will rejoice and give thanks to the God who saves us. Amen.**

The Word Proclaimed

First Lesson

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*

Second Lesson

Matthew 28: 1-10

Sermon:

“On the Road Again”

Pastor, Jim Taylor

Response to the Word

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Generous and Loving God. May we not keep our gifts hidden behind the stones rolled across our hearts, but let them burst forth to bring life, to bring hope, to bring the good news of Jesus alive and among us! In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Communion Hymn—119 *The Strife is O’er*

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

The Great Thanksgiving (Insert)

Closing Hymn—108 *Christ Is Alive

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

**Please stand if able.*

251 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia. Re - joice and
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst un - til its
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear. You look for
 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has a -
 5 Christ has a - ris - en to set us free. Al - le - lu -

praise him, al - le - lu - ia. For our re - deem - er
 strength by God was dis - persed. He who gives life did
 Je - sus who is not here. See for your - selves the
 ris - en this world to save. Je - sus' re - deem - ing
 ia, to him prais - es be. Je - sus is liv - ing!

burst from the tomb, e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 death un - der - go, and in its con - quest his might did show.
 tomb is all bare. On - ly the grave clothes are ly - ing there."
 la - bors are done. E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
 Let us all sing; he reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain

Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy. Death's fear - ful

sting he has come to de - stroy. Our sin for - giv - ing,

al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your voices to speak of this great love!

We lift them up in joyful acclamation!

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Living God. Time after time, you draw us here to inspire us, feed us, and save us. Especially when our love fails, you are here, steadfast and true. You created this world and called it good. You created us to proclaim your good to all. And so we raise our voices in praise:

**P: Holy, holy, holy are you, God of every morning.
All creation turns handsprings of joy.
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One you raised from the dead.
Hosanna in the highest!**

We remember the life and ministry of Jesus: how he healed the sick, fed the hungry, ate with sinners, and preached forgiveness and peace. It was at this table that he issued the invitation: to gather together, to share together, to remember together, and to go and do likewise in the world.

And so, on this day of resurrection, we raise our voices to proclaim this timeless truth:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen!
Christ will come again!**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, your people, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make us lovers and tellers of your word. Make us healers and bestowers of your grace. And make us one body in Jesus Christ. All glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, now and for all time! Amen.

Unison Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, you have gathered us at this table with all the company of your people in heaven and on earth.

In your mercy we have been nourished by the living bread, Jesus Christ, and we have been refreshed by the power of your Holy Spirit.

May we, who have shared this holy meal, go out as glad disciples of our Lord, following in his way, proclaiming his truth, and living his love for all your children in this world; through Christ our Lord!
Amen.