

Entrance

Gathering *(As we gather to worship please greet those persons sitting around you.)*

Prelude *(Please use this time to prepare yourself for worship.)*

Trusting Jesus - arr. M. McDonald

Lord, Reign in Me - arr. G. Parker

Chiming of the Hour

Greetings and Welcome *(During this time please pass the pew notebooks.)*

Time of Centering Susan Brosnan & Leah Milner, handbell duet

Great Is Thy Faithfulness - arr. D. Wagner

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*Invocation

*Opening Hymn No. 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Proclamation

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 25:1-2, 8-9

Stewardship Moment Parker Knapp

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Gospel Lesson Matthew 5:13-16

Meditation Rev. Jay Minnick

Response

Joys and Thanksgivings/Prayer Concerns

Silent Prayers/Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *(please pray in unison)*

**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.**

Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory Jill Boliek, piano

How Beautiful - arr. L. Larson

*Doxology *(sung in unison)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

Sacrament of Communion

All who worship with us today are invited to participate with us in the celebration of the sacrament of the Eucharist or Holy Communion. This is a celebratory act of our community in which we give thanks for the ever-abiding presence of God's spirit and the all-inclusive reach of God's grace. The Sacrament is a mystical reality in which the presence of Christ is made real to us, and by God's grace it forges us into one body so that together we can extend the merciful touch of Christ into the world. Welcome to the table.

In an effort to meet the needs of the gathered community it is our goal to have gluten free bread available for Communion. Please notify your server when you come forward to receive the Sacrament.

The Great Thanksgiving

Clergy: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Clergy: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Clergy: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Clergy: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God.

People: **For you are the creator and sustainer of our lives.**

[The rehearsing of the tradition]

Clergy: Let us pray. Loving and gracious God, in remembrance of these your grace-filled acts, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Clergy: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Giving the Bread and Cup

Closing Prayer

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn No. 304

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

*Pastoral Benediction

*Postlude

Praise Him! Praise Him! - arr. M. McDonald

**please rise in body or in spirit*

Weekly Prayer List

Sympathies to Sally Harris on the loss of her sister.

Concerns: Evelyn Castleberry; Beth Rea; Brenda Cantu; Robbie Stewart; LeRoy Hurd; Sandy Castleberry; Doug Blackley; Mabel Whitaker; John McGlaughlin's wife, Terrie; Cindy Wiedel's mother-in-law, Marjorie; Cindy Hardy's mom; Melissa Krassy's dad; Purabi Dey's mom; Bill Krieski's mom; Warren Williams's mom; Heather Wilson's dad; Martin Schreiner's mom & dad; Nikki Williams's mom; Kirk Pedersen's mom; Sandy Jennekens's mom; Lisa Beers's mom; Melissa Kennedy's grandson; Vickie McGee's brother, John; Nancy McGee's sister, Margie; John McGlaughlin's brother, Jim; Purabi Dey's sister-in-law, Sumitra; Michele Baitsholts's brother, Anthony; Brenda Cantu's sister, Lillian; Nancy Glasgow's sister-in-law, Linda; Beverly Skinner's sister-in-law, Alice; Jane & Dale Stokes's sister-in-law, Doris; Betty Pierce's niece, Donna; Jeff & Kristin Hoffmann's niece, Angie; Niki Speri's aunt; Virginia Benner's uncle, Chuck; Susan Paxton's cousin, Lori; Ellen Rogers's cousin, Wayne; Kenny Hill's friend, Debbie; Dian Banker's friend; Jane Albright's friend, Jerri.

This Week's Calendar

Today:

3:30 p.m. Compass Committee

4:30 p.m. Children's Choirs, Hand Bell Choir, Middle School Youth, High School Youth

Monday:

4:30 p.m. Great Minds

7:15 p.m. Administrative Council

Tuesday:

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ Brigs

9:00 a.m. Seekers Sunday School Class Outing

5:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

Wednesday:

6:00 p.m. Sewing Group

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Sewing Group

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Friday:

10:30 a.m. Friday Folders

Weekly Announcements

Did you know that the PGUMC Outreach Committee supports many organizations such as The Blood Connection, Be the Match, Habitat for Humanity, the USCRI Refugee Program, the Methodist Home for Children, Rise Against Hunger, No Woman No Girl, the Salvation Army, the ARC of Wake County, Family Promise, etc.? To actively support these programs, it takes money. PGUMC's Sewing Ministry has graciously donated two beautiful quilts to help support our efforts financially. To purchase a ticket to win one of these quilts, please visit the Welcome Center today. Tickets are \$10 each. If you have questions, please contact Lucinda Sullivan at dannyandlucinda@gmail.com. We appreciate your support!

Calling all high schoolers! This coming Wednesday, April 10, school is out so let's reach out! We'll be volunteering at Prison Alliance's warehouse from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Contact Ashley Yohman to sign-up.

During the month of April, the Outreach Committee is partnering with Dorcas Ministries to collect items for 'busy bags' for children to play with while their parents shop in the Food Pantry. Items for 'busy bags' include: fidget toys, small English/Spanish speaking books, toy cars, Happy Meal toys, small coloring books with crayons, and small stuffed animals. We are also looking for donations for their Food Pantry which includes: laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, feminine products, dried lentils, and pancake mix. Donations may be dropped off in the Welcome Center.

Please join us on Sunday, April 28, at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. for a Spring Choir & Orchestra Cantata. *Our Father: A Journey through the Lord's Prayer* is based on the text of perhaps the most well-known prayer in the Bible, with music by Pepper Choplin. This moving cantata features each phrase of the prayer presented in a dramatic setting meant to connect with the listener in a personal way. For more information please contact Chris Dodson at chris.dodson@pgumc.org.

Mark your calendars for Pleasant Grove's Vacation Bible School Kick-off on Sunday, July 28, from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. The four-night camp will then take place Sunday, August 4 - Wednesday, August 7, running from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. with the option of a light dinner beforehand. Children ages 3 through 8th grade are invited to join us as we learn to trust that God will go with us, lead the way, share wisdom, give us peace, and spark joy! For registration information, or to learn how you can help, please contact Ashley Yohman at ashley.yohman@pgumc.org.

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