

GRACE REFORMED CHURCH

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD EASTER Sunday, APRIL 1, 2018

**Please stand if you are able*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE FOR WORSHIP

***Call to Worship** *from Psalm 16*

Leader: Preserve us, O God, for in you we take refuge. We say to the LORD, "You are our Lord; We have no good apart from you."

People: The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood we will not pour out or take their names on our lips.

Leader: The LORD is our chosen portion and our cup; you hold our lot. We bless the LORD who gives us counsel; in the night also our hearts instruct us.

People: We have set the LORD always before us; because he is at our right hand, we shall not be shaken. Therefore our hearts are glad, and our whole being rejoices; our flesh also dwells secure.

ALL: You make known to us the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

***Opening Hymn** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* #277

***Invocation**

***Introit** *Christ Is Risen* Jane Sanborn

***Hymn** *Thine Be the Glory* #274

GOD HEARS OUR CONFESSION

Summary of the Law (in unison)

Summary of the Law (Matthew 22:35-40), Pew Bible [Blue] p. 828, [Red] p. 1052

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O Lord, we have grown to take the gospel for granted. We consider your love all too common and unremarkable. We treat your gift of grace as something we deserve or something that cost you nothing. Forgive us, most merciful Father, for treating divine grace like cheap grace. Restore in us the joy of our salvation that we might proclaim your praise and walk in obedience to your will. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who has died for us. (Silent Confession) **Amen!**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Brothers and sisters, hear, believe and receive the good news of the Gospel -- in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God for his grace!

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Peace be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Gloria Patri

#735

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Anthem *Awake, Arise, Go Forth!*

Don Besig

GOD BRINGS US HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Scripture

Luke 24:1-12, Pew Bible [Blue] p. 884 [Red] p. 1125

Sermon *Resurrection—Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow* Mark Tippin