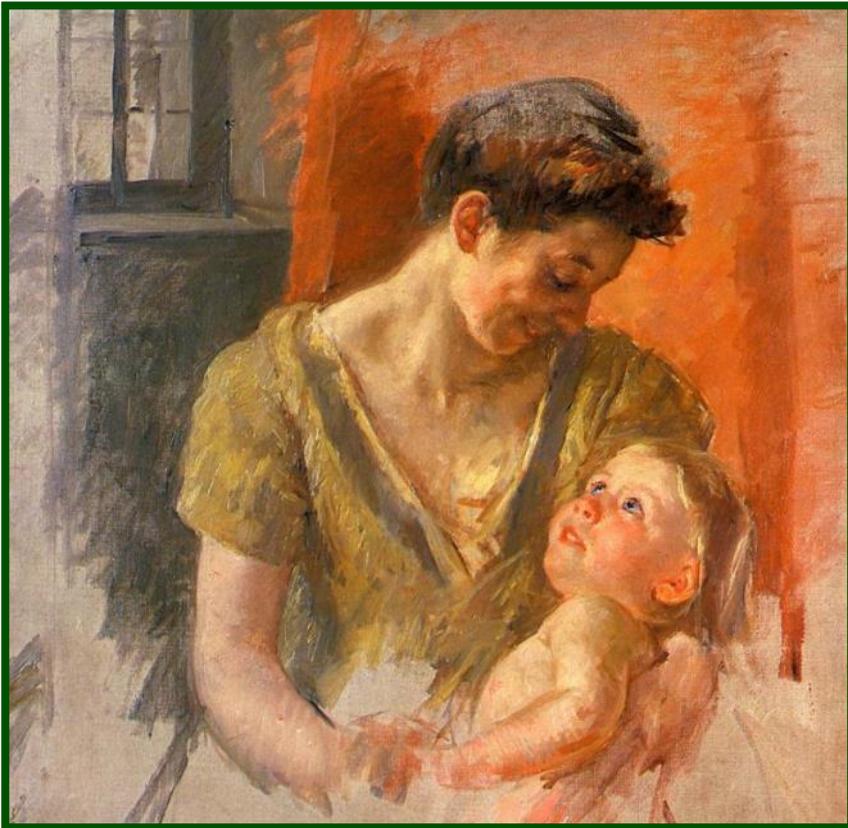




GRACE PRESBYTERIAN C O N W A Y



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The cover art is an oil on canvas entitled *Mother And Child Smiling At Each Other* by Mary Cassatt. Happy Mother's day!

TO ALL WHO ARE SPIRITUALLY WEAK & SEEK REST, WHO MOURN & LONG FOR COMFORT
WHO STRUGGLE & DESIRE VICTORY, WHO SIN & NEED A SAVIOR,
WHO ARE STRANGERS & WANT FELLOWSHIP,
WHO HUNGER & THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND TO WHOSEVER WILL COME,
THIS CHURCH OPENS WIDE HER DOORS & OFFERS WELCOME
IN THE NAME OF THE **LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

Our Worship and Celebration
(Fourth Sunday of Easter)

God Welcomes Us

GATHERING HYMN

v.1 - Hymn #194

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Leader: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
People: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Rusty Mosley

PRELUDE

"I Know that My Redeemer Liveth"

- arr. Keeney

(“☩” please stand if you are able.)

☩ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.

People: He leads me beside still waters.

Leader: He restores my soul.

**People: He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.**

- from Psalm 23

✠ HYMN

“The Day of Resurrection!”

Hymn #214

✠ PRAYER OF ADORATION

God Cleanses Us

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, for we have rebelled against your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. To you belongs righteousness, O LORD, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy. On the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Hear us now as we lift our personal confessions to you . . .

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠ HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Gloria Patri”

Hymn # 705

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

God Strengthens Us through His Word and Sacrament

FIRST READING

Matthew 7:22-23 (p.812)

²² “On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ ²³ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Medley of the Cross”

Helvey

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SECOND READING

John 10: 22-30 (p.896)

²² At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon.

²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

²⁵ Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*(*the true Christian church of all times and places)*

God Sends Us

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 debts,

as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

MINISTRY OF MERCY—TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring”

- Bach

✦ **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✦ **HYMN**

“To Worship, Work, and Witness”

Hymn #263

✦ **BENEDICTION**

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

vs. 4 - Hymn #194

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Let the Word Go Forth”

- Birchwood

(Please be seated during the postlude to reflect on the worship service, consider God's Word, and prepare your response as you follow Christ's light into the world.)

Announcements:

◇ **Happy Mother's Day!**

◇ If you are visiting with us today, please fill out the visitor card found on the pew Bible and drop it in the offering plate. Check the boxes and let us know if you would like more information about our church or if you would like us to pray for you.

Prayer Concerns:

Bette Callaway, friend of Herman and Betty Ellis; Bill Conner; Darren Cox, friend of Josh McConkie; Charlie Cullum, friend of Annette Sackhoff; Stuart Dornblaser, brother-in-law of Ken Hunter; Jeannene Ellis, sister-in-law of Herman and Betty Ellis; Paul Ellis, son of Herman and Betty Ellis; Jason Hays, friend of Kevin Tucker; Jimmy and Nancy Higgins; Steve Hoffman, friend of Nancy Davis with cancer and transplant need; Dub Holt; Charles Jordan; Vicky, Becky, and Bruce Joyner and families due to loss of their mother; Ann Moss, mother of Debbie McConkie; Gene Murphy, father of Annette Sackhoff; Jenetta Murphy, mom of Annette Sackhoff; Wesley and Jessica Smith, friends of Joe Pruett; Kevin Tucker; Elaine Williams, relative of Pat Denton.

PRAYERS OF MEDITATION:

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying our debt, bearing our punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all our need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism, and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.



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