

Perry Hall United Methodist Church

March 31, 2024
SUNRISE SERVICE

We gather here around the fire in the darkness, remembering how we left in darkness and silence on Friday. This morning, we greet the sunrise with joy as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

PROCLAMATION OF RESURRECTION

L: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

P: The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

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OPENING HYMN

“Amazing Grace” vs. 1-3

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
’Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

We acknowledge that we are saved by God’s grace and we trust in God’s love and gift of abundant life. We burn those troubles which we offered to God on Maundy Thursday and with them we offer those concerns and worries which we name in our hearts today. (The pastor will place our “troubles” in the fire as we silently pray.)

A READING FROM PSALM 18

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

L: God of power and majesty: With the rising of the sun, you have raised Jesus Christ and delivered him and us from death’s destruction. We praise you on

this bright day for all your gifts of new life. Especially we thank you for all victories over sin and evil in our lives ...

P: We give you thanks, O Lord.

L: For loyalty and love of friends and family...

P: We give you thanks, O Lord.

L: For the newborn and the newly baptized, and those now in your eternal home...

P: We give you thanks, O Lord.

L: for the renewal of nature...

P: We give you thanks, O Lord.

L: For the continuing witness of your church...

P: We give you thanks, O Lord.

L: God of eternity: You are present with us because of Christ’s rising from the dead, and you persist in lifting us to new life in him. We bring to you our prayers for this world in need of resurrection. We Especially we pray for nations and peoples in strife...

P: Hear our prayer.

L: for the poor and the impoverished at home and abroad...

P: Hear our prayer.

L: for those we know in particular circumstances of distress...

P: Hear our prayer.

L: For those who are ill and for the dying...

P: Hear our prayer.

L: For all who follow the risen Christ...

P: Hear our prayer, through the same Jesus Christ, Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 6:3-11

WE REMEMBER OUR BAPTISM

We remember that we have died to sin and been raised to life through Jesus Christ our Lord as we remember our baptism. You may dip your fingers into the water or the pastor will make the sign of the cross on your hand.

We observe a Time of Silent Reflection

~~The pastor will end the time of reflection.

CLOSING HYMN

“Grace Alone”

Every promise we can make, every prayer or step of faith,
Every difference we will make is only by his grace.
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,
Every blessing left behind is only by his grace.

Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide.

Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,
Everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace.
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,
Every sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace.

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BENEDICTION

