

Worship for 11 April 2021  
Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church

One: Peace be with you!

**ALL: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity.**

One: Receive the Holy Spirit!

**ALL: It is like precious oil on the head, the blessing of the Lord.**

One: Celebrate this day, the joy of Life and freedom from Death!

**ALL: We raise our joyful voices in triumphant song!**

Hymn of Invitation – “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

*In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.*

*When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way, from the cross the radiance  
streaming adds more luster to the day.*

*Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no  
measure, joys that through all time abide.*

Prayer of Confession

*You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh  
and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us;  
forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life  
in Jesus' name. Amen.*

Scripture – Acts 4:32-35; John 20:19-31 (see reverse)

Reflection – “Testimony”

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

*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.*

The Apostles' Creed (see reverse)

Hymn of Thanksgiving – “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

*“Christ the Lord is risen today!” Alleluia! All creation, join to say: Alleluia! Raise your joys and  
triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious king, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia! Jesus died,  
our souls to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

Announcements & Blessing

### **Acts 4:32-35**

*Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.*

### **John 20:19-31**

*When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."*

*But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."*

*A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."*

*Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.*

### **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.*

***What gift have you received in this Easter season that God is inviting and calling you to use for the benefit of others, or to help their belief?***