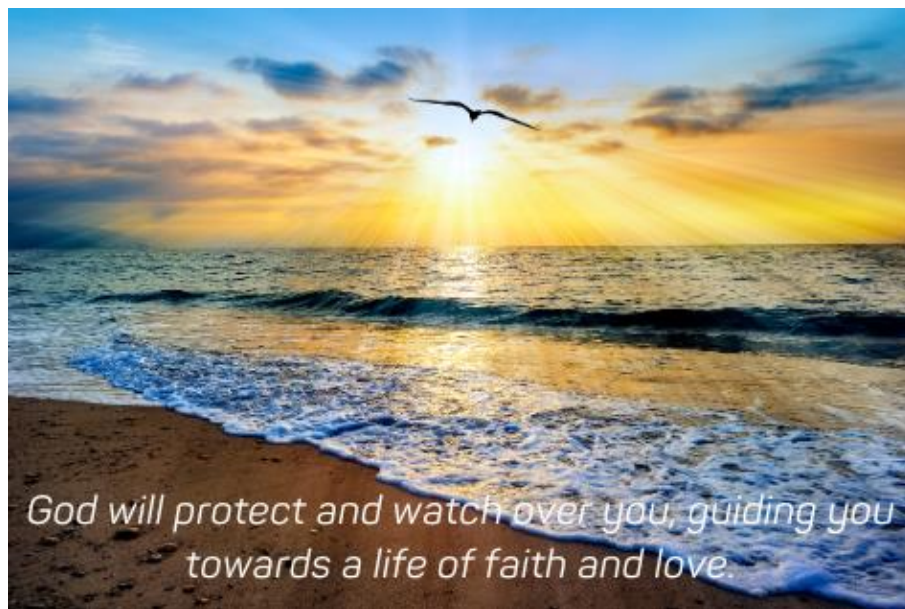




April 21, 2024 | Fourth Sunday of Easter

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God will protect and watch over you, guiding you towards a life of faith and love.

Welcome! Prince of Peace is more than a place on a map. We are a beautiful mosaic of dedicated and diverse people who love Jesus and our neighbors. We care deeply about each other, our community and our world. We are a church on the move with Jesus as our inspiration. Thanks for adding your voice to God's song of love this morning. Once again, welcome!

**Nursery Care for children up to age 4 is available during worship in preschool Room 1 (exit using the south door church entrance go through the courtyard gate and follow the signs towards the preschool deck). **Children activity bags are available in the narthex.*

Partnering in Prayer: Nan Nelson Barbara Sipple Cleo Dillabough
Martha Weld Donna Hesse Betty Schroeder

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

P: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

L: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

P: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil;

L: for you are with me;

P: your rod and your staff -- they comfort me.

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

P: you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

L: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

P: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever!

Opening Hymn When Morning Gilds the Skies ELW# 853 v. 1, 4, 5

1. When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

4. Let all of humankind
in this their concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

5. Sing, sun and stars of space,
sing, all who see his face,
sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"
God's whole creation o'er,
today and evermore
shall Jesus Christ be praised!

Sacrament of Holy Baptism for:

Grayson Louis Truax
Born: January 18, 2024
Parents: Carley and Phillip Truax

Grace Lee Smidlein
Born: August 22, 2023
Parents: Lindsey and Scotty Smidlein

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Welcoming Statement

People: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

Baptism Song

You are Mine

ELW# 581

1. "I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice,
I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here."

2. "I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light.
Come and rest in me."

Refrain

"Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine."

3. "I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see,
the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name." *Refrain*

4. "I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name,
embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk and live!" *Refrain*

Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

Announcements

Special Music

Sinking Deep, by Hillson

Cailee Goodman

Gospel: Acts 17:1-9: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. ²And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, ³explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you." ⁴Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. ⁵But the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the marketplaces they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason's house. ⁶When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some believers before the city authorities, shouting, "These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also, ⁷and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus." ⁸The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, ⁹and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go. ¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy

Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

L: This is the Word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Church at Corinth

Pastor Paul Nelson

Message Hymn

Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW# 764

1. Have no fear, little flock;
have no fear, little flock,
for the Father has chosen
to give you the kingdom;
have no fear, little flock!

2. Have good cheer, little flock;
have good cheer, little flock,
for the Father will keep you
in his love forever;
have good cheer, little flock!

3. Praise the Lord high above;
praise the Lord high above,
for he stoops down to heal you,
uplift and restore you;
praise the Lord high above!

4. Thankful hearts raise to God;
thankful hearts raise to God,
for he stays close beside you,
in all things works with you;
thankful hearts raise to God!

Prayers of the Community

The Celebration of Holy Communion

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Post Communion Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn

You Are Holy

ELW# 585

You are holy, you are whole.
You are always ever more
than we ever understand.
You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near.
Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread,

raised from soil, raised from dead.
You are holy,
you are wholeness,
you are present.
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Sing hosanna in the highest!
Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to our God!

Dismissal

Postlude

Visitor or New
to POP?



We'd love to connect!



POP Announcements

Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Rick at 10am in the conference room!
Everyone welcome.

Women's Fellowship/Bible Study -Tuesday's at 9:30am- 11:00 am in the Church office conference room. Welcoming women of all ages. Contact Debbie Nelson if you have any questions, debnelson1@cox.net.

BG's next meetup is April 26 at OHSO (Arcadia) at 5pm. Contact Pastor Paul if you have any questions. See you there, everyone is Welcome!

Offerings: Thank you for continuing to support Prince of Peace. You can mail offerings to the church office or signup for online giving. You can also use our Text to Give system –text the amount you want to give to 833-441-0048.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed their time, effort and generosity to make our Gather, Grill and Give event a resounding success. Your support not only brought joy to many but also made a meaningful difference in our community. Thank you for embodying the spirit of giving!