

WELCOME to Worship at Grove Church
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026
Resurrection Story: Released



Assisting in Worship

Liturgist – Peggy Pastino

Greeters – Penny Arndt and Al Ulozas

Ushers – Brad Hanford and Jim Schmidt

Grove Stream Team

Coffee Fellowship

The Flowers are given by Peggy Pastino in memory of my daughter, Stacey on her birthday.

GROVE KIDS

Kids of all ages are welcome in worship!

We welcome families with children to use our **Grace Space** in the front of the sanctuary.

This purposely designed area allows space for children to fully participate in worship without being confined to a pew. There is ample seating for parents to be nearby to connect with their children as needed.

We also have a Nursery available for infants and toddlers.

LISTEN

PRELUDE "For You I Am Praying Medley" arr. Albin C. Whitworth

WELCOME

CENTERING SCRIPTURE Psalm 121

VOLUNTARY "Shall We Gather at the River" arr. Albin C. Whitworth

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Holy God, you disrupted the world with Resurrection. You robbed the Empire of its power and showed the world what love can do.

All: Disrupt our lives with your grace.

Liturgist: When we have fallen into patterns of sin, apathy, self-centeredness, or comfortable stagnation,

All: disrupt our lives with your grace.

Pastor: Break through the darkness of our stubborn hearts and reveal to us the light of Christ.

All: Disrupt our lives with your grace.

Liturgist: Break our chains and set us free.

All: Disrupt our lives with your grace as we share in your resurrection story. Amen.

***OPENING SONG** "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" UMH #127

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

SEEK

A MESSAGE FOR ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN

(Children of all ages are invited to come to the front)

SPECIAL MUSIC "As the Deer" arr. Keith Christopher
Tabernacle Choir

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 16:16-34

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Resurrection Story: Released Pastor Stacy

HYMN OF RESPONSE "Great is Thy Faithfulness" UMH #140

RESPOND

MORNING PRAYER with THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY MINUTE Preschool Fence Project Betty Traver

OFFERING "His Eye is on the Sparrow" arr. Albin C. Whitworth

DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH # 95

PREPARING TO LISTEN IN THE WORLD

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP

***CLOSING HYMN** "Be Thou My Vision" UMH #451

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING SONG** *They Will Know We are Christians by our Love* (vs. 2) TFWS #2223

POSTLUDE "A Festive Piece" David Lowe

*-please stand in body or in spirit

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If you have been moved by your experience in worship today and would like to learn more about faith in Christ or get connected at Grove, our Pastors would love to talk with you. Please call the church office to schedule a meeting or email PastorStacy@GroveChurch.org.



Scan the QR Code to go to our **Grove Connect Page**. Here you can fill out a connect form, *give online*, and see all of the events and activities coming up here at Grove Church!

Spring Toy & Clothing Ministry Sale!

Shopping Open to the Public:

Monday, April 27; 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Tuesday, April 28; 3:00 pm - 7:30 pm



A United Methodist Congregation
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