

# First Presbyterian Church

Huntsville, Tennessee

Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018 11:00 A.M.

Prelude

## \*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: See what love the Father has given us,

**People: That we should be called God's children!**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!**

\*Hymn 358

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

## \*Prayer of the Day (said by all)

**Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection may, through the renewing power of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Concerns of the Congregation

Message to the Children

\*Hymn 135

*Fairest Lord Jesus (all verses)*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Genesis 1:9-25; **God's Amazing Grace**

1 John 3:1-3; \*Romans 1:1-7, 3:21-26

\*Gloria Patri (Hymn 546)

Special Music

Sermon

Touched By Grace  
The Rev. Dr. Earl Rash

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Affirmation of Faith: New Testament

Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology (Hymn 544)

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 275

*Amazing Grace (verses 1-4)*

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude

\*indicates the congregation may stand

*God's Amazing Grace:*

*A Brief Service in Recognition of His Love and Provision*

**From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.**

Having loved His own who were in the world, He now showed them the full extent of his love.

**God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

**Because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions- it is by grace you have been saved.**

This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love; not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

John 1:16-17; 13:1; Rom. 5:8; 2 Cor. 8:9;  
Eph. 2:4-5; 1 John 4:9-10 (NIV)

**Affirmation of Faith**

*See 1 Cor. 15:1-6; Mark 16:9(16:1-9);  
Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28*

**This is the good news which we have received,  
in which we stand,  
and by which we are saved,  
if we hold it fast:**

**that Christ died for our sins  
according to the scriptures,  
that he was buried,  
that he was raised on the third day,  
and that he appeared  
first to the women,  
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,  
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of the living God.  
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,  
the beginning and the end;  
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**