

April 18, 2021 The Third Sunday of Easter

**Prelude** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling/Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" arr. Paul Manz Amy Smith, organ

Welcome Dr. Adrian N. Doll

Call to Worship Bernadette O'Neill, Elder

Lord, open our lips, and our mouths shall declare your praise.

Lord, open our eyes, and our seeing shall behold your glory.

Lord, open our hearts, and our feeling shall know your love.

Lord, open our minds, and our thinking shall discover your wonders.

Lord, open our hands, and our giving shall show your generosity.

Lord, open our lives, and our living shall declare your presence.

David Adam, Tides and Seasons

## Hymn

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

Rejoice, the Lord is King; Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks and sing, And triumph evermore. Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns,

The God of truth and love.
When He has purged our stains,

He took his seat above. Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail;

He rules o'er earth and heav'n. The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus giv'n. Lift up your hearts; Lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!

Our Lord, the Judge, shall come

And take His servants up
To their eternal home.
Lift up your heart;

Lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

### **Prayer of Confession**

Lord Jesus Christ, our Risen and Triumphant King,
Even as we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection,
we come to you with sorrow for the sin of our ways.
Like Peter, we are haunted by the many times we have denied you.
Like Thomas, we have been overcome by fear and disbelief.

We confess that we have lived by our own limited strength instead of trusting in your limitless power and grace.

You invite us to share our blessings with friends and neighbors in need, but we have lived for self instead of following the example of your life.

In your mercy, forgive us; and continue your work of grace within us so that we will live as ambassadors of your Kingdom, today and always. Amen.

Special Music "Easter Medley" Marcia Wells

Amy Smith, piano

New Testament Reading John 20:19-31

Sermon "The Honesty of Doubt" Dr. Adrian N. Doll

Special Music "I Cannot Tell It All" arr. Tom Booth

Kaymen Carter and Denise Wunderlich, vocalists ~ Amy Smith, piano

## The Prayers of God's People and The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn** "The Summons"

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known?

Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,

through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

#### **Benediction**

### **Today at GVPC**

**The Pitcher and Chalice** on the Communion Table are placed in memory of Rev. Joseph J. Fontana. They were given to Pastor Joe on the occasion of his ordination and installation on April 30, 1989 at Faison Presbyterian Church in Faison, North Carolina.

Sanctuary Flowers – Today's sanctuary flowers are provided in loving memory of Pastor Joe Fontana.

**Coffee Hour** - Join us on the patio today at 10:00 am for coffee and fellowship. Please consider providing the Sunday morning coffee hour treats. See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact the church office (702) 454-8484 to volunteer.

## This Week at GVPC

Pastor's Bible Study – Pastor Adrian will begin a new bible study on this Wednesday, April 28 at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. (Please note date change.)

**GVPC Spring Concert Series** – On **Thursday, May 13 at 7:00 pm**, GVPC organist, Amy Smith, with featured guests Kaymen Carter and Denise Wunderlich, will present *To God Be the Glory* a collection of organ and piano favorites. Join us in person in the GVPC Sanctuary or tune in on Livestream/Facebook Live and <a href="https://www.greenvalleypres.com">www.greenvalleypres.com</a>.

**Graduation Sunday Parade** - We will celebrate and recognize our **2021 GVPC graduates** at all age levels: Pre-school, Kindergarten, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, and High School on **Sunday, May 2 at 12:00 with a drive-thru Graduation Parade in the parking lot.** Please tell us about your graduate by completing the graduate information form located in the Narthex and return to the church office by Wednesday, April 21. Contact the church office at (702) 454-8484 with questions. The congregation is invited to come and cheer on our graduates!

**3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Presentation -** GVPC students completing the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade this year will be presented with a Children's Study Bible on **Sunday, April 25 during the 10:30 am** morning worship services. To ensure all 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are recognized, please confirm with the church office (702) 454-8484 if you have a child in this age group.

**New Member Inquiry Class** – All who are interested in learning more about GVPC and church membership are invited to join us for the GVPC New Member Inquiry Class on **Saturday, May 22 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up in the Narthex or call the church office (702) 454-8484 to RSVP.

**GVPC Pens and Coffee Mugs** – Are available for free! Pick up yours at the table in the Narthex. One per family please.

**Women's Bible Study** - The Monday Night Women's (Bad Girls) Bible Study meets at 6:00 pm on Monday evenings in the Fellowship Hall. We will be studying *"Unveiling Mary Magdalene"* by Liz Curtis Higgs. All ladies are invited to join us.

**Director of Children's Ministries** - Green Valley Presbyterian Church is seeking a part-time Director of Children's Ministries who is committed to introducing children to the Christian faith and nurturing them in their spiritual growth. She/He must have good organizational, administrative and communication skills. Good computer skills with the knowledge of social media and the willingness to learn new technology is essential. Persons with education experience are preferred. Contact the church office for the job description. Please send resume to <a href="mailto:diane.schurr@yahoo.com">diane.schurr@yahoo.com</a>.

**Men's Group** - The men's study group meets on Saturday mornings at 8:00 am for Bible Study. The group is studying "Jesus and His Jewish Influences" by Jodi Magness. Join us for a time of fellowship, discussion, and study.

**GVPC Nursery** - Nursery care for ages 0 - 3 years is available on Sunday morning by **reservation only.** Please make your reservation with the church office (702) 454-8484 by the prior Thursday.

**Sunday School Volunteers** - Volunteers are needed in the nursery, preschool, or elementary class. Please contact Katherine Rowley 702-217-6645 or <a href="mailto:children@greenvalleypres.com">children@greenvalleypres.com</a> for more information. We hope you will consider joining the team that makes an eternal impact in little hearts!

**KnitWits** - All knitters are invited to join the Knit Wits every Tuesday morning at 10:00 am in the Conference Room for a time of knitting, socializing, fun, and lots of laughter.

**GVPC Email Announcements** - To be added to the GVPC email announcement list that sends daily updates on general church information, prayer requests, activities, meetings, etc. please notify the church office (702) 454-8484.

**Flower Dedications** – The 2021 Flower Dedication Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please consider providing the Sanctuary flowers and sign up on the chart or contact the church office at (702) 454- 8484.

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# **Joys and Concerns**

Nicole Steidel request prayers for her brother, Dave Howerton and his daughters, Christie Fetters and Kelly Howerton, upon the sudden death of his wife and their mother last Saturday. The family is devastated by her unexpected death. Please pray that the holes in their hearts are filled with God's love and peace.

Prayers are requested for Steve Eshelman, his chemotherapy is not working. He will begin holistic and alternative meds. Please pray for God's healing power in his life.

Janice Williams requests prayers for her great, great niece Cora Maggiora following the sudden death of her husband, Ramo, from heart issues. Prayers for Cora and her 10-year son, Palo, during this time of sorrow and loss.

Please hold Ted and Linda Rauenbuehler and their entire family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of Ted's father, Jim (JR) Rauenbuehler following a brief illness. Jim was 96 years old and lived a long and happy life. Please lift the Rauenbuehler family up in your prayers during this time of sorrow and loss.