

Coming



- April 28 10:00 am COMBINED Worship service
- 11:00 am CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
- 11:00 am IMPACT Youth Group
- 11:00 am Adult Bible Study, John Munday, facilitator, Rm 240
- 12:00 pm Confirmation class, Youth Rm
- 1:00 pm GriefShare and DivorceCare, Rms 240 & 230
- 30 6:30 pm NO Harmonious Flutes rehearsal
- 7:30 pm NO Alleluia Ringers rehearsal
- May 1 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 2 NO Contemporary Worship rehearsal this week
- 4 9:00 am "Instruments of Peace" rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 5 9:30 am Traditional Worship, 11:00 Contemporary Worship
- 10:30 am KIDS SING, Rm 200
- 11:00 am IMPACT Youth Group
- 11:00 am Adult Bible Study, John Munday, facilitator, Rm 240
- 12:00 pm Confirmation class, Youth Rm
- 1:00 pm GriefShare and DivorceCare, Rms 240 & 230
- 6 6:30 am Men's Bible Study, meets weekly, Rm 230



\*Denotes weekly meetings unless otherwise listed.

**WELCOME!** If you are visiting with us this morning, we are glad you are here! Please scan the QR code to register with our church. After worship stop by our Welcome Desk for a special gift and to learn more about our church.

**KIDS SING**—NO Rehearsal today due to our combined worship service. WE WILL RESUME next Week!

**FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY—May 5**—Please remember to bring Non-perishable food donations and place them in the barrel located across from the Wisdom Well.

**GIVING** is a natural overflow of a heart that is grateful for Jesus, who gave everything for us. A secure link for electronic giving is available on the church's website at [www.gbpres.org](http://www.gbpres.org). You may also give securely by texting, (833)-965-0647, or by scanning the QR code.

**BE AN USHER!** Be a friendly face to people who walk in our doors! Smile and greet everyone. It isn't hard to be an usher and we NEED HELP at the 11:00 service! Please click on the QR and say YES!!!!

**WomenSING SUNDAY!** Looking ahead to June 16! On Father's Day we will have a WomenSING Sunday. All women and girls, all ages are welcome to come and sing, NO REHEARSAL! Just show up, 9:00 am for the 9:30 am service. It will be fun! Jotform signup available! Or SEE BILLYE!

Check our website for updates: <https://www.gbpres.org> Thank you for joining us for worship today.  
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Great Bridge Presbyterian Church  
April 28, 2024  
5th Sunday of Easter

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit as you are able.*

### Pre-Service Music

Call to Worship He is Worthy Chris Tomlin, arr. Dan Galbraith

### Welcome and Announcements

**\*Call to Confession** Lin Peters, liturgist  
Every week, as we worship together, we have the opportunity to admit to ourselves, to each other, and to God that we do not always live as we are called. It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. In this time of confession, this time of opening our hearts, let us remember that God is merciful and just, eager to offer grace and love. Let's pray together our confession, first in silent prayer.

### \*Silent Confession

**\*Prayer of Confession (all read)**  
**We come before you, O God, to confess the ways we have not supported shalom in our lives and the life of the world. For the times we have tolerated, through our actions or inaction, abuse of human rights, the growing gap between rich and poor, hunger, and homelessness. For the times we have condoned, through our actions or inaction, any violence. For the times we have abused creation. We confess we can lose the vision of your peace, and that we fail to rely on your grace, which is active in our world. Hear our call, O God, to be a people who keep your vision of shalom present and active in this world, a people who celebrate your grace in our global community. Hear our call to come home to you, O God.**

**\*Declaration of Forgiveness** Rev. Dr. Lou Ventura  
God hears the call from our hearts for peace, shalom, compassion, and understanding. We gather today in this community to renew the vision and commitment for a world of shalom justice, knowing that God's love holds all, sees all, accepts all. Thanks be to God.

**\*In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**\*Response "I'm So Glad!"** Trad. Spiritual  
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad, Jesus died for me. I'm so glad, Jesus died for me,  
I'm so glad, Jesus died for me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus died for me.

\*The Lord be with you.  
**\*And also with you.**

**\*Passing the Peace**

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer** (*using debts and debtors*)  
**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.**

**Offertory** Shalom Clay Finnes, Lloyd Nicks, Stone Meyer & Tommy Iceland  
Taylor Mercier, soloist

**\*Doxology** No. 609 LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures high and low: Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator; Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (*Congregation will be seated following the prayer.*)

**Scripture** Judges 6:23; 19:20, OT, pgs 623, 237 Lin Peters, liturgist

**Anthem** Shalom Claire Cloninger, Don Marsh

**Sermon** "Peace Be with You" Rev. Dr. Lou Ventura

**Scripture** Luke 24:36, NT, pg. 91; John 20:19, 21, 26, NT, pg. 115 Rev. Dr. Lou Ventura

**\*Closing Hymn** It is Well with My Soul\* (*see notes*) arr. Benjamin Harlan

**ALL SING** When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

**CHOIR ONLY** My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
My sin not in part, but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, O my soul!  
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

**ALL SING** And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
"Even so," it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response "Shalom to You"** Carlton Young  
Shalom to you, now, shalom, my friends, May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

**Postlude** I've Got Peace Like a River arr. Mark Hayes

**The writer of the hymn text**, It is Well with My Soul, Horatio G. Spafford, was a successful lawyer and business man in Chicago with a wife and five children. They were not strangers to tragedy. They lost a son to pneumonia and their business to the great Chicago fire. Yet, the business did flourish once again. In 1873 the French ocean liner, Ville du Havre was crossing the Atlantic from the US to Europe with 313 passengers on board, including Spafford's wife and four daughters, but Horatio had to stay in Chicago with plans to join his family later. The ship was struck by another ship and only Spafford's wife was saved. Booking passage on the next available ship to join his grieving wife, about four days out, the captain let Spafford know they were over the place where his children perished. Horatio wrote "It Is Well with my Soul" while on the journey to reach his wife.