May 12, 2024 10 AM The Ascension of the Lord - The Seventh Sunday of Easter

"Jesus prayed: I pray that they may be one, as we are one, so that the world may know that you have sent me." John 17:20-23

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Bill Holda

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

"It is Well With My Soul"

VILLE DU HAVRE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

What a blessing!

We gather to listen and to discern God's will.

What a fellowship!

We join together and share our testimony in the presence of God.

Our delight in God will be our song of praise.

We come to worship God with our whole hearts as we sing.

Praise to God.

* **HYMN** – No. 19

"God of Great and God of Small"

GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

* CALL TO CONFESSION AND LITANY FOR ASCENSION

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,

Jesus, the Son of God.

Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy, forgiveness, and find all the fullness of grace to help us in times of need and tribulation. Arise, O Lord, in your strength.

We will praise you for your glory!

Let us pray with joy to Christ at the right hand of God, saying:

You are the king of glory!

You have raised the weakness of our flesh.

Heal us from our sins and restore to us the full dignity of life.

You are the king of glory!

May our faith lead us to the Father as we follow the road you trod.

You are the king of glory!

You have promised to draw all people to yourself;

let no one of us be separate from your body. (Continued on the next page.)

You are the king of glory!

Grant that by our longing we may join you in your kingdom where your humanity and ours is glorified.

You are the king of glory!

You are true God, and you will be our judge, so lead us to contemplate your tender mercy.

You are the king of glory!

(After a brief silence)

O King of glory and Lord of hosts, who ascended triumphantly above the heavens, do not abandon us, but send us the promised one, the Spirit of truth. Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all.

We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives.

We have gone along with the ways of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

* DECLARATION OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

Hear the teaching of Christ: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.

* SHARING THE PEACE AND GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN FELLOWSHIP

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,

may we accept such forgiveness, and let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(The people may exchange signs of peace and reconciliation.)

ENGAGING WITH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

reader, Steve Crane

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word.

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul.

Let your word abide in us O Lord.

May our hearts and minds may be opened to the mysteries of our faith so we may know these things that pertain to life and our holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE TEXTS

Hebrew Lesson: Psalm 1

The Lord bless the reading of these words.

The Lord bless the hearing of these words.

Hebrew Lesson: Jeremiah 10: 1, 6, 7, 10

Holy wisdom, holy words.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: John 17: 13-18

Now God has spoken to us through Jesus Christ the Son.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN – No. 836

"Abide With Me"

EVENTIDE

Epistle Lesson: I Corinthians 15:1-26, 35-58

The holy word of God,

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "We Will Not All Die...But We Will All Be Changed!"

Rev. David F. Judd

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

INVITATION TO BECOME THE CHURCH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- A Brief Statement Of Faith - PCUSA

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

(Continued on the next page.)

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. without ceasing, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

* **HYMN** – No. 581

"Glory be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD

CALL FOR OFFERING TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR INTERCESSION AND SUPPLICATION

*HYMN – No. 609

"Doxology"

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*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

GOING FORTH TO LIVE THE WORD

***HYMN** – No. 547

"Go, My Children with My Blessing"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Faith of our Fathers" ST. CATHERINE

May our welcome be worthy of the gracious God we serve. In this service, an asterisk (*) invites you to stand as health allows. Material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say. Let us worship God!

Announcements

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, and God's blessings to those who have been blessed to provide maternal guidance and love.

Today is the last day to drop off your eclipse glasses in the Narthex.

The final meeting of our Review of the **Sailboat Church** is today after worship until noon. However continuing prayer is encouraged for all, especially for those participating in the Discernment Trialogue with Alpine and First Presbyterian Churches.

A discernment prayer group meets at 9:30 on Sundays in the Sanctuary, praying for the future direction of the church and other prayer needs. **The sanctuary is also open** Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with prayer guides are provided. The outdoor memorial chapel is available each day with note guides.

Meals with Love will deliver meals on Tuesday, May 14. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact our coordinator, Janet Martin, at 903-237-8295.

Wednesday Night Live meal is served at 6 p.m. Please call or email the church office by noon on Tuesday. The cost is \$10 for adults, with reduced prices for children. The menu for the coming week includes fajitas, side, salad, dessert, and drink.

Angel Academy Graduation is Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Communion will be celebrated at our Pentecost service next Sunday, May 19th. Please wear red for this special day in the church year.

The Session will hold its Stated Meeting on Tuesday, May 21, at 4 PM in the Calvin Room.

St. Andrew will **serve breakfast at Newgate Mission** on Saturday, May 25th. Call Steve Crane at 903-452-2925 if interested.

Consider Retreats this Summer to deepen your connection to God and one another. Montreat, Mo Ranch, Gilmont, Ghost Ranch, and the Retreat Center in Richardson. Inquire in the office or with Pastor David for details.

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God of Great and God of Small 19



- 1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
- 2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des ti ny,
- 3 God of si lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
- 4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long, God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour, God of day and dark-est night, God whose love turns wrong to right, God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,



Although it uses remarkably simple language, this text affirms a great mystery: beyond all our powers of explanation, God holds together all the opposites that seem to pull us in one direction or another. Yet God is present to them all and also to us; for that we give praise.



By blending end of day and end of life, the imagery of this well-known Victorian hymn has made it valuable for both evening services and funerals. Although the author wrote his own music for it, the present tune has been firmly associated with this text for over 150 years.



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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures



high and low. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise



God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it



one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547



Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22–27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.