

Morning Worship
Sunday, May 16, 2021, 8:45 am
7th Sunday of Easter

Beginning Music

Prelude

Words to ponder: “Look to the skies. Search for God. Know that God is nearer to us than our very breath.”

Additional Scriptures for this Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1;
1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

Scriptures for Pentacost: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;
Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

Welcome

Pastor Ed

Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

Leader

Leader: Mystery of God, draw us near.

People: **Fill our minds with awe!**

Leader: Wisdom of God, surprise us.

People: **Encourage us with hope!**

Leader: Glory of God, shine through our lives.

People: **Reveal your power and your glory!**

Leader: In the mystery, the wisdom, the glory of God,

People: **Let us worship!**

Opening Prayer (*Unison*)

Leader

Unknowable God, on this most unsettling day, you drew Jesus to your side -- promising his companions Spirit, power, mission, and purpose; calling his disciples to trust a future that they could not yet see. As we look to Jesus this day, give us the same hope of Spirit, power, mission and purpose, and call to trust a future that we too are yet unable to see. Guide us into your depths, that we may glimpse the Spirit already at work in our lives— revealing your truth and empowering us to bear witness to the risen Christ. We pray this in the name of Jesus, your Mystery, your Wisdom, your Glory. Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Be Still My Soul”

UMH # 534

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages

Eunice Alberts

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament

Acts 1:1-11 (NRSV)

Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:44-53 (NRSV)

Leader

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

Hymn of Preparation

“Lord Speak to Me”

Verse 4

Sermon

“Do You Feel the Power of Christ?”

Pastor Ed

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Leader

The story of Ascension Day challenges us to seek the presence of the risen Christ in the here and now—in our lives, our community, and our world. Let us pray. When we “look up to heaven” for our answers, and so fail to seek the Spirit at work in our midst. When we forget to repent of our wrongdoing. When we fail to forgive others for mistakes of their own and so fail to give witness to the risen Christ. When we doubt the power of your Spirit, which is at work changing hearts and opening minds, and so fail to embrace relationships of righteousness and peace. Lord have mercy. Amen.

Silent Meditation

Words of Assurance

We Lift Up to God Our Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts (*Please mail in your offerings*)

Doxology

Offering Prayer (*Unison*)

O God, we bring to you this offering, and ask you to bless it and use it to make your reign known in our world. In Jesus’s name, we pray. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Sending Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" UMH # 526
Ver 1

The Lord's Prayer (*Unison*)

Benediction

Benediction Response "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" UMH # 557

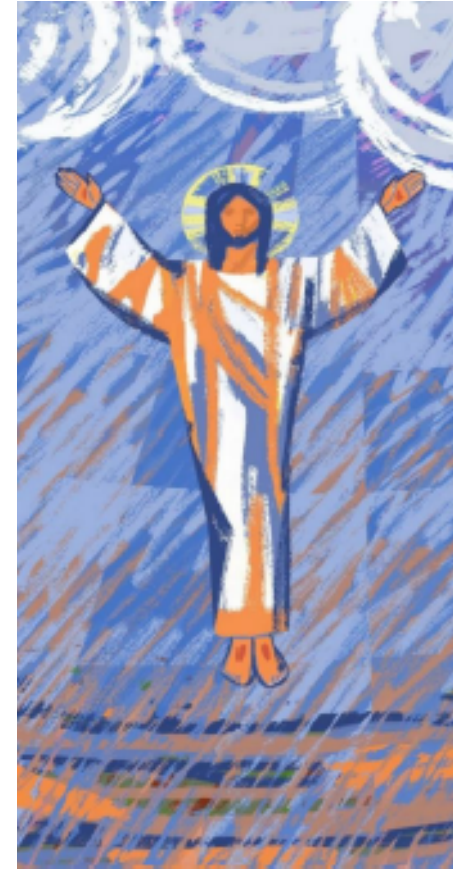
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