

# Sunday Worship

## June 1, 2025 10:00 am

*\*Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

**Worship Theme:** Ascension Sunday

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude** "An Irish Blessing" Brian Glynconoor

**Welcome & Announcements (see insert)** John Rajpolt

**\*Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 47 Leader

Leader: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

**People:** **For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.**

Leader: He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet.

**People:** **He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.**

Leader: God has **ascended** amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

**People:** **Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

Leader: For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

**People:** **God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Stand By Me" UMH #512

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader

Holy Jesus, you left your throne in heaven to walk amongst us. In the brokenness of this world, you taught, you led, and you remained distant from sin. Leaving us with the power of the Holy Spirit, you then ascended into the heavens and regained your throne. But, your messengers gave us the promise that you will one day return and *"the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend."* Lord, teach us today what we are to do until that day comes. Teach us to be those who worship and anticipate your reign of peace. May it be well with our souls. We love you Lord. Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

**Offering One Another the Peace of Christ**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "In the Name of the Father" Nan and Dennis Allen

**A Time for Children of All Ages**

### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**New Testament Lesson:** [Acts 1:1–11](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gospel Lesson:** [Luke 24:44–53](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Message** **Going up?** Pastor Chuck

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns** Pastoral Prayer

**\*Doxology** The Offering of our Gifts

### Offering Prayer (Unison)

Heavenly Father, you are a God who gives, and takes away. While it seemed to those Disciples that you took Jesus away to join you in the heavens, you always give more than you take. Ten days later you delivered your very presence to those same Disciples. Now, we have the Holy Spirit, the very presence of Jesus in every church, in every land. Allow us to be a church who gives as well. Take these gifts, and your children who gave them, so that they can be the presence of Jesus to all we meet. We trust you, as our Heavenly Father, to provide, to protect, and to guide. We love you, Lord. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Pastor Chuck

Prayer of Thanksgiving

### WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

\*Sending Hymn "O Christ, When You Ascended" WS #3087  
(v. 1,2,4,5)

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response "I've Got Peace Like a River" TFWS #2145  
(v. 1)

Postlude

*Join Us for Coffee Hour Hosted by Gail Mas*

### Coming Up:

**June 8th - Sunday Worship Service @10am** - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we have a special service to remember when the Holy Spirit was given to us, the Church ([Acts 2:1-21](#)). Shine His light!

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Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for  
**Wednesday-Wakeup** Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)  
(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)  
(Recorded Sessions)

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**Worship Livestream Zoom link:**

<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdILzBucDR4YzBvdEwvSlkyQT09>

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