

## **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Easter – May 24, 2020, 9:15 am (Ascension Sunday)**

### **Prelude & Welcome**

**Greeting** (Sung, The Faith We Sing #2005)

**Arise Shine! For your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

**Opening Hymn**

*Jesus Shall Reign*

UMH 157

**Opening Prayer** (Unison)

**Almighty God, your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above the heavens, that he might be a sustaining presence in our lives and in all creation. Mercifully give us faith to perceive that he abides with us on earth, in the power of your great Holy Spirit, even unto the end of the world. Amen.**

**Hymn**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

UMH 154

**Recognition of Graduates** (Video)

**Memorial Day Prayer** (Prayer from Xavier University)

**In the quiet sanctuaries of our own hearts, let each of us name and call on the One whose power over us is great and gentle, firm and forgiving, holy and healing... You who created us, who sustain us, who call us to live in peace, hear our prayer this day. Hear our prayer for all who have died, whose hearts and hopes are known to you alone. Hear our prayer for those who put the welfare of others ahead of their own and give us hearts as generous as theirs... Hear our prayer for those who gave their lives in the service of others, and accept the gift of their sacrifice... Help us to shape and make a world where we will lay down the arms of war and turn our swords into ploughshares for a harvest of justice and peace... Comfort those who grieve the loss of their loved ones and let your healing be the hope in our hearts... Hear our prayer this day and in your mercy answer us in the name of all that is holy. The peace of God be with you. Amen.**

**Moment of Silent Reflection** (*Amazing Grace* Video)

**Scripture Reading**

Acts 1:1-11

Meghan Davis

**1** In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning **2** until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. **3** After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. **4** While staying with them, he

ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

**Sermon**

Rev. Byron E. Brought

**Offering Reflection with Music**

**Communion**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Special Music**

*Jesus Lover of My Soul*

**Closing Prayer**

**Closing Hymn**

*The Battle Hymn of the Republic*

UMH 717

**Closing Benediction & Organ Postlude**



# HYMN LYRICS

## ***Jesus Shall Reign***

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does his successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore  
Till moons shall rise and set no more.

To Jesus endless prayer be made,  
and endless praises crown his head;  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on his love in sweetest song,  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns  
The prisoner leaps to loose his chains,  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all who suffer want are blessed.

Let every creature rise and bring  
Honours peculiar to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again  
And earth repeat the loud amen!

## ***All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*** (Coronation)

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall.

Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!  
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Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call,  
Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him Lord of all!  
Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall;  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

### ***The Battle Hymn of the Republic***

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;  
His truth is marching on

**Glory, Glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!**  
**Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on**

I have seen him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps;  
They have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps;  
I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;  
His day is marching on. **(Refrain)**

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment-seat;  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him! Be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on. **(Refrain)**

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea  
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me  
As he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free  
While God is marching on. **(Refrain)**

He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,  
He is wisdom to the mighty, he is honor to the brave;  
So, the world shall be his footstool, and the soul of wrong his slave.

Our God is marching on. **(Refrain)**