

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 16, 2021

7th Sunday of Easter / Ascension Sunday

➤➤➤ We Come Together As Christ's Body ◀◀◀

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Risen with Christ, let us seek the realities of the Spirit.

People: Our life is hidden with Christ in God.

Leader: He who descended is also ascended far above the heavens, that he might fill all things.

People: When Christ, our Life, appears, we shall appear with him in glory! Alleluia!

HYMN/MUSIC For the Beauty of the Earth <https://youtu.be/47gTydwGSv4>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, forgive us for thinking small thought of you
and for ignoring your immensity and greatness.

Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule
the nations and our small lives.

Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your
power and squandering your gifts.

We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God,
has resulted in shallow confession,
tepid conviction, and only mild repentance.

Have mercy on us.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

▼▼▼ We Receive God's Word ▼▼▼

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 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; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 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.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards 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.'

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE	<i>Waiting for the Wrong Show</i>	Pastor Jim Fu
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HYMN / MUSIC Spirit of the Living God (UMH 390) <https://youtu.be/06h3J5FYn-l>

▲ ▲ ▲ We Respond To God's Word ▲ ▲ ▲

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen!

HYMN / MUSIC Christ Is Risen, Shout Hosanna (UMH 307) <https://youtu.be/enKNnWLmdqg>

◀ ▲ ▲ ▲ We Go Forth To Be God's People For The World ▶ ▶ ▶

BENEDICTION

As you go, may God's Spirit go before you.

As you go, may you follow where God leads you.
As you go, may you live what you have learned,
share the message you have heard,
and be a light unto the world.

Amen.

Announcements

The memorial garden has been replanted and water sprinklers have been installed to maintain the plants. The sprinklers are set to water every day between 6:30am and 7:50am.

The two tall leaning bushes on the east side of the building to the right of the front entrance have been removed.

The alarm system is completely installed.

Monday, May 17th

T117G	north room	7pm-9pm
T117B	west room	7pm-9pm

Tuesday, May 18th

Den #2	west room	6:30pm-7:30pm
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Thursday, May 20th

Den #10 and Den #4	west room	7:00pm-8:00pm
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