



May 12, 2024  
 Ascension Sunday  
 The Reverend Jenny Anderson

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

*\*All who are able, standing*

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

*After the gathering, a bell will ring to signal the beginning of worship.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT

Clothes Closet

Debby Barron

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come Away to the Skies

arr. Alice Parker

\* HYMN

312 Hail the Day that sees Him Rise

Llanfair

**1 Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!**

**To His throne above the skies, Alleluia!**

**Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!**

**Re-ascends his native heaven, Alleluia!**

**2 There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia!**

**Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!**

**Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia!**

**Take the King of glory in, Alleluia!**

**3 See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!**

**Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia!**

**Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!**

**Still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!**

**4 See! he lifts his hands above, Alleluia!**

**See! he shows the prints of love, Alleluia!**

**Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!**

**Blessings on his church below, Alleluia!**

## \* GREETING

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

**Our life is hidden with Christ in God.**

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

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

## \* OPENING PRAYER

Precious love,  
your ascended Son promised the gift of holy power.  
Send your Spirit of revelation and wisdom,  
that in the blessed freedom of hope,  
we may witness to the grace of forgiveness  
and sing songs of joy with the peoples of earth  
to the One who makes us one body. **Amen.**

## \* THE PEACE

## \* ACT OF PRAISE

70 Glory be to the Father

Meineke

**Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen. Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Open wide the window of our spirits, O Lord,  
and fill us full of light;  
open wide the door of our hearts,  
that we may receive and entertain thee  
with all our powers of adoration and love. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:1-11

*New Testament* p. 143

## \* HYMN

173 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Ratisbon

**1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
triumph o'er the shades of night;**

Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return,  
till thy mercy's beams I see;  
till they inward light impart,  
cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine;  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, Radiancy divine,  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1:14-23

*New Testament* p. 234

PSALM

Psalm 47

*UMH* p. 781

*Sung Response: Earth and heaven repeat the cry,  
"Glory be to God on high."*

Clap your hands, all people!  
**Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**  
For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,  
**a great Ruler over all the earth,**  
who subdued peoples under us,  
and nations under our feet,  
**who chose our heritage for us,**  
**the pride of Jacob whom God loves.**

*Sung Response*

God has gone up with a shout,  
**the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.**  
Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
**Sing praises to our Ruler, sing praises!**  
For God is the Ruler of all the earth;  
**sing praises with a psalm!**  
God reigns over the nations;  
**God sits on his holy throne.**  
The princes of the people gather  
as the people of the God of Abraham.  
**For the shields of the earth belong to God,**

who is highly exalted!

*Sung Response*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:44-53

*New Testament* p. 111

SERMON

Under His Feet

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

*UMH* p. 880

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from True God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,**

who has spoken through the prophets.  
**We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.**  
**We acknowledge one baptism**  
**for the forgiveness of sins.**  
**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**  
**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

### 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 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.**

## OFFERING

### MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

O Clap Your Hands

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.  
 For the Lord most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth.  
 God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.  
 Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.  
 For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.  
 God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.  
 - Psalm 47:1-2, 5-8 KJV

### \* DOXOLOGY

94 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Laast Uns Erfreuen

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**praise God, all creatures here below:**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**  
**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**  
**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## SENDING FORTH

## \* HYMN

327 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

1 Crown him with many crowns,  
 the Lamb upon his throne,  
 Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
 all music but its own.  
 Awake, my soul, and sing  
 of him who died for thee,  
 and hail him as thy matchless King  
 through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of life,  
 who triumphed o'er the grave,  
 and rose victorious in the strife  
 for those he came to save.  
 His glories now we sing,  
 who died, and rose on high,  
 who died, eternal life to bring,  
 and lives that death may die.

3 Crown him the Lord of peace,  
 whose power a scepter sways  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
 and all be prayer and praise.  
 His reign shall know no end,  
 and round his pierced feet  
 fair flowers of paradise extend  
 their fragrance ever sweet.

4 Crown him the Lord of love;  
 behold his hands and side,  
 those wounds, yet visible above,  
 in beauty glorified.  
 All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
 For thou hast died for me;  
 thy praise and glory shall not fail  
 throughout eternity.

## \* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

## \* POSTLUDE

Allegro maestoso, from *Sonata II*

Felix Mendlessohn

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## Ministry of Worship

Preacher	Reverend Jenny Anderson
Liturgist	Justin Bergeron
Lay Reader	Carol Capers
Greeters	Becky Rogers, Joan Piercy
Usher	Charles Piercy
Acolyte	Matthew Dixon
Crucifer	Harrison Young
Organist and Director of Music	Jamie Council Garvey
Choir	The St. John Choir
Cantor	Sawyer Branham
Worship Technician	Donald Tilton
Offering Counter	Becky Rogers

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2024 Budget	\$556,899
Weekly Giving	\$16,242
YTD Giving	\$134,159
YTD Other Income	\$760
YTD Expenses	\$191,914
Attendance 5/5	Sanctuary: 93 Online: 41

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