



May 17, 2026  
 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

Plainsong/ The Venerable Bede

A hymn of glory let us sing,  
 new hymns throughout the world shall ring;  
 by a new way none ever trod  
 Christ takes his place— the throne of God!  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
 all praise to you let earth accord,  
 who are, while endless ages run,  
 with Father and with Spirit, One.  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

\* HYMN

324 Hail Thee, Festival Day (Ascension Text)

Salve Fiesta Dies

***Refrain:***

***Hail thee, festival day!  
 blest day to be hallowed forever;  
 day when our risen Lord  
 rose in the heavens to reign.***

**He who was nailed to the cross  
 is Ruler and Lord of all people.**

**All things created on earth  
 Sing to the glory of God:**

***Refrain***

Daily the loveliness grows,  
 adorned with glory of blossom;  
 heaven her gates unbars,  
 flinging her increase of light:  
*Refrain*

\* 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.

\* THE PEACE

CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2026

Daniel Tucker	Jason Tucker	Riley Aikens	Carolyn Carpenter
Graeme Dennis	Christine Hoglund	Emma Kelley	Morgan Lee Jennings

\* 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

Lord, open our hearts and minds  
 by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
 that, as the Scriptures are read  
 and your Word proclaimed,  
 we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:1-11

*New Testament* p. 143

## \* HYMN

312 Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

Llanfair

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!

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!

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!

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!

## PSALM

Psalm 47

*UMH* p. 781

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

Clap your hands, all peoples!  
**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 whose 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

John 17:1-11

*New Testament* p. 136

## SERMON

So That We May Be One

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*UMH* p. 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,**  
**maker of heaven and earth;**  
**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:**  
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**  
**born of the Virgin Mary,**  
**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**was crucified, dead, and buried;**  
**the third day he rose from the dead;**  
**he ascended into heaven,**  
**and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**  
**from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
**the holy catholic church,**  
**the communion of saints,**  
**the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body,**  
**and the life everlasting. 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.

## THE OFFERING

## MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

O Clap Your Hands

*Text: Psalm 47*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

## \* 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

89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
 God of glory, Lord of love;  
 hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
 opening to the sun above.  
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
 drive the dark of doubt away.  
 Giver of immortal gladness,  
 fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
 earth and heaven reflect thy rays,

stars and angels sing around thee,  
 center of unbroken praise.  
 Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
 flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
 chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
 call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
 ever blessing, ever blest,  
 well-spring of the joy of living,  
 ocean depth of happy rest!  
 Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
 all who live in love are thine;  
 teach us how to love each other,  
 lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus  
 which the morning stars began;  
 love divine is reigning o'er us,  
 binding all within its span.  
 Ever singing, march we onward,  
 victors in the midst of strife;  
 joyful music leads us sunward,  
 in the triumph song of life.

\* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\* POSTLUDE

Hymn Prelude on *Llanfair* (#312)

Robert J. Powell

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## Ministry of Worship

Preacher	Reverend Jenny Anderson
Liturgist	Stephanie Quattlebuam
Lay Reader	Charles Piercy
Greeters	Alison Wright, Sherry Howard
Ushers	Millie and Jeff Huff
Acolyte	Micah Quattlebaum
Crucifer	Robert Thomas
Organist and Director of Music	Jamie Council Garvey
Choir	The St. John Choir
Cantor	Sawyer Branham
Offering Counter	Georgia Vesely
Worship Technicians	Donald Tilton, Adam Kuehl

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2026 Budget	\$631,305
Weekly Giving	\$8,199
YTD Giving	\$158,485
YTD Other Income	\$46,770
YTD Expenses	\$229,021
Attendance 5/10	Sanctuary: 109 Online: 35

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