



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Based on Psalm 47:6-8)

IN FOR A COUNT OF 4: Sing Praises to God...

OUT FOR A COUNT OF 4: ... King of the Nations.

REFLECT ON QUOTE

"The task of the Church after Jesus' resurrection and ascension was to proclaim the forgiveness of sins to all nations." ~ Charles Stanley

READ SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:44-53 Acts 1:1-11

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 1, 2025

Ascension Sunday

PRELUDE

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

arr. Paul Manz

Jerry Bursch, Organ

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Blessings on you all this day, from our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: This is the day of his ascension. He is seated on the right hand of God.

L: Honor, Power, glory and majesty are his!

P: Let us praise him with shouts of joy!

L: We are called to be witnesses to this great wonder.

P: We are called to proclaim God's Good News of love for all God's people.

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***HYMN**

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

UMH 312

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CCLI Song # 95997

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!

To his throne above the skies, Alleluia!

Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!

Reascends 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!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

God of mystery, part the veil that blinds us to your glory and majesty. Open our hearts this day, that our spirits may ascend to you as your Son ascended to you long ago. Focus our thoughts on the mysteries and wonders of this day, that our eyes may see beyond the limits of

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our sight. May we be found worthy of your vision and be clothed with your power on high. Amen.

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SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN: Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies UMH 173

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CCLI Song # 808926

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 READINGS Luke 24:44-53 Acts 1:1-11 Margie Schriener, Liturgist

Luke 24:44-53 (NRSVue)

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to

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understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Acts 1:1-11 (NRSVue)

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach 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 during 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 toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 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.”

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

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MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

*HYMN:

He Is Exalted

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CCLI Song # 17827

He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name!

He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted
The King is exalted on high

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

We live out our membership vows by offering our prayers, our presence, our service, our gifts, and our witness. In this way we glorify God with our whole lives.

BELL OFFERING

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Arr. Hal H. Hopson

Bell Choir - Jerry Bursch, Director

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*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (UM Hymnal 94)*

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CCLI Song # 3063266

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!

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, as Jesus prayed for unity among His followers, we bring our gifts in the spirit of that same unity. Bless these offerings and use them to draw others into the love and truth of Christ, that the world may see and believe. In Jesus' name, we give. Amen

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HYMN:

Take Our Bread

UMH 640

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Refrain: Take our bread, we ask you; take our hearts, we love you.
Take our lives, O Father; we are yours, we are yours.

1. Yours as we stand at the table you set;
Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.
We are the sign of your life with us yet,
We are yours, we are yours. (Refrain)

2. Your holy people standing washed in your blood,
Spirit filled yet hungry we await your food.
We are poor, but we've brought ourselves the best we could;
We are yours, we are yours. (Refrain)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us lift up our hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

... As we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

... Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of
bread and the cup.
**Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be
for the world the body of Christ redeemed by His blood.**

... All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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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 and ever. Amen.**

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BENEDICTION

Pastor Matt

HYMN OF PARTING

Shalom to You

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Song #1913569

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through all your loving
Christ be your shalom. Christ be your shalom.

POSTLUDE

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Arr. Wilbur Held

Jerry Bursch, Organ

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: Video of today's worship can be found at

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June 1- Coffee Fellowship following worship in Fellowship Hall.

June 2-6 - New Day Devotions 8:00 AM.

June 3 - Koinonia Life Group 10:30 AM in a member's home.

June 3 - Bell Choir 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary

June 4 - Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Sloan's Restaurant Indio.

June 4 - Tai Chi 10:00 AM Fellowship Hall.

June 8 - Chancel Choir 8:20 AM in the Sanctuary.

June 8 - Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM in Adult Classroom.

June 8 – Pentecost Sunday (wear Red to Church) Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary.

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