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June 2, 2019
Ascension Sunday



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

Today is Ascension Sunday, when we remember and celebrate that our Savior was taken up into heaven to rule at the Father's right hand until He comes again in the same way that the disciples saw Him go into heaven.

What difference should Christ's ascension make in our lives? It means that in heaven there is One who, knowing firsthand the experience of suffering and temptation, prays for us and perfects our prayers. The ascension is also a witness and guarantee of our own bodily resurrection as well as an invitation for us to set our hearts and minds "on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God" to rule over all things in heaven and throughout the universe (Colossians 3:1-2). – *The Worship Sourcebook*

Let us then, with hearts of thanksgiving, lift high the name of Jesus and praise our resurrected and ascended Lord together!

THE GLORY OF OUR ASCENDED LORD

PRELUDE: "Minuet and Trio" from *French Suite No. 3* J.S. Bach; arr. Faulmann
"Amazing Grace" arr. Patrick Roulet

Stan Head and Stewart Plumlee, marimba

CALL TO WORSHIP Tim Russell

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 289 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Words: The Venerable Bede, 8th cent. / Music: Geistliche Kirchengesänge; arr. Roberts / Acts 1:11

*Paul Roberts, conductor
Samuel Metzger, organ*

✦INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

✦STATEMENT OF FAITH: Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 12 Shelley Hill (8:15)
Haley Overcast (11:00)

What did God's providence specifically do for man who He created?

**After the creation God made a covenant with man
to give him life, if he perfectly obeyed;
God told him not to eat from the tree of knowledge
of good and evil or he would die.**

This catechism will be the topic of the sermon this evening.

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Ludwig van Beethoven

Words: Christopher Woodsworth / Music: Ludwig van Beethoven / I Corinthians 15:20

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.**

THE GRACE OF OUR ASCENDED LORD

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our heavenly Father,
 You raised Jesus from death to life and crowned Him Lord of all.
 Yet, we confess that we regularly enthrone ourselves as king.
 Forgive our rebel hearts and treasonous ways,
 for we are those who regularly set our minds on earthly things
 instead of things above where Christ is.
 May Your Spirit lead us again to boast in the cross
 so that we might possess a sincere, pure,
 and undistracted devotion to our Lord,
 for we pray in the name of the One
 who possesses all authority in heaven and on earth,
 Jesus Christ our Lord.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. I John 4:9-10

*In this the love of God was made manifest among us,
 that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.
 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us
 and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "O Clap Your Hands"Ralph Vaughan Williams

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams / Psalm 47

O, clap your hands, all ye people;
 Shout unto God with a 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 unto our King.

For God is the King of all the earth, sing ye praises,
 Everyone that hath understanding;
 God reigneth over the heathen, God sitteth upon the throne,
 The throne of His holiness.

Sing praises unto our King, sing praises!

*The Chancel Choir
 Calvin Ellis, director*

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**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING.Barton Kimbro

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)Lynn Erickson

THE WORD OF OUR ASCENDED LORD

✦ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*please stand*)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
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 OF PREPARATION:

"What a Beautiful Name/Agnus Dei" Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood

Words and Music: Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood; arr. Galbraith / Philippians 2:9-11

Soloist:

You were the Word at the beginning, One with God, the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ!
What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is —
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a beautiful Name it is — nothing compares to this;
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus!

✦ *Congregation stands and sings:*

**You didn't want heaven without us,
So, Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great, Your love was greater —
What could separate us now?
What a wonderful Name it is,
What a wonderful Name it is —
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a wonderful Name it is — nothing compares to this;
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus!
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus!**

Soloist:

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You,
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory,
For You are raised to life again!

Congregation:

**You have no rival, You have no equal —
Now and forever, God, You reign!
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory,
Yours is the Name above all names.**

**Holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty!
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb —
You are holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty!
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb — You are holy!**

**What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is —
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a beautiful Name it is — nothing compares to this;
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus!
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus!
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus!**

Mary Grace Walters, soloist

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....Hebrews 3:1-6
(page 1002 in the pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON

Undaunted Confidence

Todd Erickson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♠HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 565 "All for Jesus!" WYCLIFF

Words: Mary James / Music: John Stainer / Romans 12:1

♠BENEDICTION (please raise hands)

♠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" Albert Travis

Samuel Metzger, organ

♠Indicates congregation standing

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Instrumentalists: Susan Enger, Alex Schuettrumpf, Will Paladino, trumpet; Greg Luscombe, Mark Vail, Nathan DuVall, trombone; Stan Head, Stewart Plumlee, percussion