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Ascension of the Lord

MAY 16, 2021

10:00 A.M.

LIVE AND LOVE SO THAT OTHERS WANT TO BE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 16, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Ascension Sunday

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE IN PRAISE

TOLLING OF THE CHIMES

The chimes call us to quiet and to prepare for worship. Reflect during the prelude about what a difference Jesus has made in your world.

GREETING

Welcome to the WUMC live stream!

We are glad you've joined us digitally. Please take a moment to register your attendance with the form on the left side of page. If you're watching us on Facebook, please "like" the video so we know you're here.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

If you have any concerns or celebrations, please fill out the form on the left panel of the live stream page.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

You can find hymns and other worship resources linked on the panel on the left side of the live stream page or in the first comment on Facebook. Use these resources to engage with the worship while you're at home.

PRELUDE

"This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"

Walther Haffner

CALL TO WORSHIP **

L: Welcome! We are gathered here to celebrate the great promise!

P: Our hearts are ready to receive this good news.

L: Jesus asked all of his friends to live lives reflecting the love of God.

P: We are numbered among these friends!

L: Open your hearts today. Hear God's special word just for you!

**P: Lord, help us to be ready to receive your word
and to live in your love.**

AMEN.

THE LIGHT ENTERS OUR WORSHIP

HYMN

"Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise"

312, UMH

OPENING PRAYER (in unison) ***

**Blessed are you, Holy One,
creator of all that is and all that ever will be.**

You sent your holy child, Jesus, to heal us and bless us,
to show us your love.

After his suffering and death on the cross, he was still among us,
proclaiming repentance and forgiveness of sins
for all who call on his name.

Just as you sent the power of the Holy Spirit
to those who first believed, fill us now with your power and grace,
that we may become the hands and feet,
and heart and spirit, of Christ. Amen.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Don Lefelar

HEARING & PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 1:1-11 p. 110, NT

HYMN "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" 703, UMH

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:44-53 p. 85, NT

SERMON "Onlookers or Witnesses" *Rev. Mollie Brown*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

COMMUNITY TIME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895, UMH

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.

WORSHIPING WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Fughetta" Johann Pachelbel

DOXOLOGY 94, UMH

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!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

HYMN

“Thine Be the Glory”

308, UMH

THE LIGHT LEADS US INTO SERVICE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Postlude on *Lasst uns Erfreuen*”

Anna Judkins

UMH: *United Methodist Hymnal*

FWS: *The Faith We Sing*

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✝ **In Our Service Today:**

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Director of Music & Youth Ministries: Christopher Neely

Organist: Anna Judkins