Service of Worship

May 24, 2020 10:00am

Ascension Sunday

Gathering

PRELUDE

“Amazing Grace”
Linda Dover, organist
arr. Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP (spoken together)

O God, we worship you, some empty, some filled,
some whole, some broken:
yearning for the Holy Spirit to fill us.
We come, ordinary people,
seeking the way:
trusting that God will continue
to illumine our hearts.
that graced, we may serve others;
that healed, we may bring hope to the world.

HYMN 267

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”
(printed hymn below)

MADRID
Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1 Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!

3 Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!

loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;

He is our guide and friend; to us he’ll descend;

On heaven’s blissful shore his goodness we’ll adore,

Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Sing ing forever more: Alleluia! Amen!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune’s repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

TEXT: Christian Henry Bateman, 1843
MUSIC: Spanish folk melody, arr. Benjamin Carr, 1824; harm. David Evans, 1927
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A VISIT WITH STEWART

PRAYER OF ASKING  (video)  attributed to Sir Francis Drake

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
One: May the peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you and all others!

ANTHEM  “Assurance” setting by John Ness Beck
Chancel Ensemble
Based on “Blessed Assurance”
Words by Fanny J. Crosby & Tune by Phoebe B. Knappe
and “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” by J. S. Bach
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long.
Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blessed,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long.
This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior, all my life long.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN  443  “There Is a Redeemer” DETROIT
(printed hymn below)

4 Jesus 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 from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. 46 He said to them, “This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 Look, I’m sending to you what my Father promised, but you are to stay in the city until you have been furnished with heavenly power.” 50 He led them out as far as Bethany, where he lifted his hands and blessed them. 51 As he blessed them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. 52 They worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem overwhelmed with joy. 53 And they were continuously in the temple praising God.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.

Thanks be to God!
SERMON
“Change of Heart?”
Rev. Sue Trigger

Sending

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

SOLO
“On Eagle’s Wings”
Beth Lillian, soprano
Arr. Mark Hayes

And he will raise you up on eagles’ wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Hank Peck, Confirmand

*HYMN 269
“O Christ, When You Ascended”
(Lancashire
(printed hymn below)
LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6 D ("The Day of Resurrection")

Tune: Henry Thomas Smart, 1835
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CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"For All the Saints"
arr. Wilbur Held
Linda Dover, organist
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