



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

267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

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.

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)

There Is a Redeemer

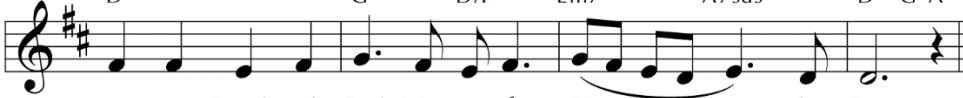
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D G D A D G A D A7sus A7




1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son;
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names,
 3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his face;

D G D/F# Em7 A7sus D G A



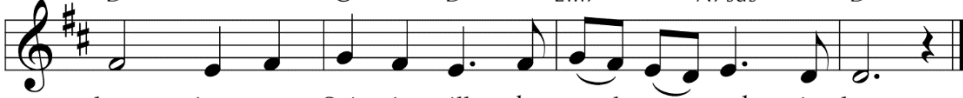
pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
 pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, hope for sin - ners slain.
 there I'll serve my King for - ev - er in that ho - ly place.

D D/F# G D G A D A7



Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son, and

D G D Em7 A7sus D



leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

Although the refrain of this piece names all three Persons of the Trinity, the stanzas emphasize references to Jesus Christ under various titles. There is also a shift in tone between the stanzas and the refrain: the former speak about God and the latter speaks to God.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 24:44-53 (CEB*)

Hank Peck, Confirmand

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

*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.*

arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Hank Peck, Confirmand

*HYMN 269

“O Christ, When You Ascended”

(printed hymn below)

LANCASHIRE

1. O Christ, when you as - cen - ded you took your right - ful throne;
 2. We look at earth - ly ru - lers and see what they com - mand:
 3. We're tempt - ed, Lord, to leave you in sto - ries nice - ly told;
 4. It's of - ten quite a chal - lenge to fol - low in your way;
 5. One day, O Lord, we'll know you, as we are ful - ly known;

your time on earth had end - ed, yet we weren't left a - lone.
 we note their years of pow - er, the bor - ders of their land.
 some - times we don't be - lieve you and say your ways are old.
 we're eas - i - ly dis - tract - ed! It's hard, Lord, to o - bey.
 one day this world of sin - ners will bow be - fore your throne.

You reign o'er earth and hea - ven; your spir - it guides our way.
 Yet, Lord, you are not bound - ed by things like time and space;
 Some - times we feel so lone - ly and live in doubt and fear.
 Some - times we give you Sun - days, an hour, may - be two.
 One day, God's whole cre - a - tion will sing and praise your name;

Your prayers up - hold your peo - ple; you lead your church each day.
 your reign is ne - ver - end - ing, you rule in eve - ry place.
 But your as - cen - sion means, Lord, you're pre - sent with us here.
 But your as - cen - sion means, Lord, all life be - longs to you.
 on earth as now in hea - ven, we'll cel - e - brate your reign.

LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6 D ("The Day of Resurrection")

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CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"For All the Saints"
 Linda Dover, organist

arr. Wilbur Held

**Common English Bible*

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