



Sunday, May 24, 2020

Ascension Sunday

Memorial Day Weekend

10th Week of Adapted Worship in response to Covid-19

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Adult Bible Groups @ 9:15 AM
 Updates in the Life & Work of the Church @ 10:30 AM
 Worship Service @ 10:30 AM
 Sunday School: Children Dismissed from Worship



Our accessible/family friendly restroom (equipped with changing table) is located at the back of the Fellowship Hall to the right of the kitchen.

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Something to Think and Pray About:

"Spiritual life is a way of dwelling with perplexity--taking it seriously, searching for its purpose as well as its perils, its beauty as well as its ravages." **–Krista Tippett**

"Our task in the present...is to live as resurrection people in between Easter and the final day, with our Christian life, corporate and individual, in both worship and mission, as a sign of the first and a foretaste of the second." **–N.T. Wright**

"The connections we make in the course of a life--maybe that's what heaven is." **–Rev. Fred Rogers (AKA: "Mr. Rogers")**

"Earth's crammed with heaven..."

But only he who sees, takes off his shoes." **–Elizabeth Barrett Browning**

"Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads." **–Henri David Thoreau**

"At His Ascension our Lord entered Heaven, and He keeps the door open for humanity to enter."
–Oswald Chambers

GATHERING OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

10:30 am - Ringing of the Church Bell

Prelude **“Carillon Prelude on ‘For All the Saints’ and
‘A Mighty Fortress is Our God’”**

Michael Calabris

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call To Worship (with Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon)

[inspired by Psalm 47]

All people, all around the world, clap your hands, and shout to GOD with loud songs of joy.

The LORD (The Most High), is awesome -a great king over all the earth. The Holy One has subdued our enemies.

We come from a rich heritage of the faithful who have gone before us.

So, we pray for Mercy when we have not brought pride to the saints who paved the way.

We ask YOU, O LORD, to forgive us when we've not shouted in YOUR honor, or blown trumpets to announce YOUR arrival and victory.

Renew our passion, and strengthen our voices anew -to sing praise to YOU; to bring songs for our GOD and King.

YOU are, indeed, the Sovereign over all the earth.

Bless us to write beautiful poetry on YOUR behalf, for YOU sit on YOUR Holy Throne.

May all the rulers of every nation gather together as YOUR children, The GOD of Abraham.

All the boundaries of the earth belong to YOU, and we want to highly exalt YOUR Name; **AMEN!**

Memorial Day Remembrance [see insert]

GATHERING AROUND THE LIVING WORD OF GOD

The Christian Scriptures (New Testament)

The Gospel According to Luke 24:44-53

Message:
“(Not so) Heavy Lifting”

Hymn of Response #272 [vs. 1,4] **“Crown Him with Many Crowns”**

*Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King Thro’ all eternity.*

*Crown Him the Lord of Heaven! One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit thro’ Him given From yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, For Thou for us hast died.
Be Thou, O Lord, thro’ endless days Adored and magnified!*

Sharing and Responding to Our Stories-Of and Needs-for Resurrection

Prayers of The People (Joys and Concerns) and The Lord’s Prayer

(using “sins” and “those who sin against us”)

Prayer Response #9 **“Glory Be to the Father”** (Gloria Patri)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

Bringing our Gifts and Thanksgiving Before The LORD

Call to Offering

Prayer of Dedication [informed by Ephesians 1:15-23]

In thanks for one another’s faith in our Lord Jesus and our mutual love for all the saints, we bring these offerings of praise.

May our living and giving continually serve as a form of prayerful remembrance and gratitude for one another.

Bless us and our contributions, we pray, to embody YOUR Wisdom and Revelation, dearest Father of Glory.

We pray that our tithes would help others to come to know YOU -that the eyes of their hearts would be enlightened to receive the hope YOU have called us to. Anoint our stewardship of these resources, we ask, so that the riches of the glorious inheritance among YOUR saints would be passed-on; that the immeasurable greatness of YOUR Power for us would be worked on behalf of those who do not yet believe.

Help our offerings to illustrate the Resurrection Power of Christ -giving him the honor he deserves (as he sits on YOUR Right Hand in Heaven, far above any earthly rule, with The Name above all other names).

We place all things at his feet, for he is The Head over The Church (we who are his Body, and the fulfilment of The One who holds it all together); **AMEN!**

Experiencing & Proclaiming the Hope of Resurrection

Charge and Benediction (Challenge & Blessing)

Sending Hymn #276 [vs. 1-3] **“Rejoice, the Lord is King”**

*Rejoice, the Lord is King; Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice! Rejoice; again I say: rejoice!*

*Jesus, the Savior, reigns, The God of truth and love.
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.
Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice! Rejoice; again I say: rejoice!*

*His kingdom cannot fail; He rules over earth and heaven.
The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice! Rejoice; again I say: rejoice!*

Carillon Postlude on Hymns of the Day Michael Calabris

COMING NEXT WEEK:

Pentecost Sunday
Confirmation Sunday
Celebration of The Lord's Supper
Strengthen The Church Offering

Theme/Communion Meditation:
“The many and THE One”

Focus Text:
1st Corinthians 12:3b-13 (with Acts 2:1-21 & John 7:27-39)