



May 12, 2024

Ascension  
Sunday

## Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in C Major

Bach

Welcome

Call to Worship

In a world where power is the ultimate high, Jesus did not regard equality with God as something to exploit.

**Instead, he emptied himself of power, claiming the lowly lot of a slave.**

In human form he was brought low by death, death on a cross.

**Therefore, God has highly exalted him, and granted him power above all the powers that be!**

Lift up your hearts,

**Jesus Christ is Lord! Hallelujah!**

—*Philippians 2:5-11*

## Songs of Praise

“All Who Are Thirsty”	Perry
“Blessed Be Your Name”	#343
“Children of the Heavenly Father”	#23

## Prayer of Confession

God, lover of humankind, you have asked us to proclaim your name to all people. We confess that we have held back from doing that, shy and self-conscious. Forgive us, we pray, and empower us in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

## Passing of the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

## Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading	Psalm 47 (NIV)	Beverly Brown
Time for Young Disciples		Chris Watkins
Scripture Reading	Acts 1:1-11	
Sermon	“Waiting on the Spirit”	Pastor Matt

## Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response	“Will You Come and Follow Me”	#742
Minute for Ministry		Heating/Cooling System

## Offering

### Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Ordination & Installation of Deacons (11:00 am)

Gail Triggs (Ordination)

Cherry Fox (Installation)

## Prayers of the People

### Lord's Prayer

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.

## Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Closing Hymn                      "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"                      #209

### Benediction

Postlude    *Adagio*    Mendelssohn

## Leading in Today's Service

*Worship Leaders:* Pastor Matt, Beverly Brown, Michael Rivers

*Pianist/Organist:* Anna Nichols

*Worship Music Team (varies):* Beverly Brown, Jim Buckmaster,  
Pam Carnahan, Dick Chambers, Iantha Frazer

*Media Team (varies):* Paul Stutesman, Todd Haworth, Wayne Brown,  
Bruce McCloskey, Bonnie McCloskey, Dorita Reed, Bret Curtis, Dona Hair,  
Mark Wendt, Barb Pappas, Bob Pappas, Sadie Miller

*Slides:* Lauren Corder, Cathi Hughes

## Next Sunday's Worship - May 19, Pentecost

Acts 2:1-4, Ezekiel 37:1-14; "Fire, Wind, and Bones"

The moment Jesus died on the cross, the temple of the curtain was torn in two, signifying the departure of the presence of God from the temple. On the day of Pentecost, the presence of God took up residence in a new temple - us. So what does it mean for us to be the new temple of the Holy Spirit? And who, or what, even is the Holy Spirit? There are clues in the famous Valley of Dry Bones passage in Ezekiel, as it shows us how the Spirit brings new life to us. In this sermon, we will explore the work of the Spirit in our lives through these two passages.

### Announcements

**Naomi Circle**, Monday, May 13, 1 pm, Fellowship Hall

**Building & Grounds**, Monday, May 13, 2 pm, Upstairs Classroom

**Session**, Monday, May 13, 7 pm, Hybrid (Zoom and Fellowship Hall)

**FISH Company**, Tuesday, May 14, 8 am, Zoom

**Deacons**, Tuesday, May 14, 4 pm, Fellowship Hall

**Youth Christian Formation Meeting**, Tuesday, May 14, 5:30 pm, Zoom

**Praise Team**, Tuesday, May 14, 6:45 pm, Sanctuary

**Women's Bible Study**, Wednesday, May 15, 9 am, Fellowship Hall

**Book Club**, Thursday, May 16, 10:30 am, Fellowship Hall

**Reel Reflections**, Thursday, May 16, 6:00 pm, Zoom and Fellowship Hall

**All Church Retreat**, May 17-19, Camp David, Jr. at Lake Crescent

**Sunday Worship**, May 19, 8:30 am and 11:00 am; Sunday School, 9:45 am

The nursery is available during the 8:30 am service; it is located in the upstairs classroom, last room on the left. Hearing assistance devices are available for use during worship. Please ask an usher to assist you.