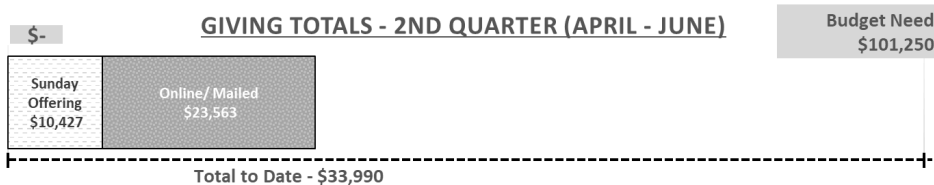


ASCENSION WOMEN'S GROUP WHATSAPP CHAT: Join the women of Ascension on WhatsApp! Indicate interest on the Connection Card, or email roseannkytka@gmail.com.

ASCENSION COMMUNITY WHATSAPP CHAT: Join the Ascension Community WhatsApp Group Chat. Indicate interest on the Connection Card, or email lizmoy@ascensionforesthills.org.

 **ASCENSION CHURCH**
Sunday, May 17

Seventh Sunday of Easter



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Throughout life's journey, as you encounter both "plants" that make you comfortable and happy and "worms" that remove comfort or company from your life, you can find encouragement in knowing that you're not held in the grip of some blind, fatalistic force. Rather, your heavenly Father, who holds you with a loving embrace, is ordering everything that He might achieve His ultimate purpose in your life: to make you more like His Son and bring you home to His side.
 —Alistair Begg, *Truth for Life*

Mission of Ascension Church

Ascension Church is a faith community in the Forest Hills area of Queens and seeks to be an intellectually-engaging and spiritually-edifying resource to connect individuals and families to God through the gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ. We wish to be the church for believers, seekers, skeptics, strugglers, and those who rarely or occasionally attend church.

Call to Worship

Scripture: Psalm 103:8–13
Songs: The Church's One Foundation
 King of Kings

Call to Confession

Scripture: Micah 7:18-19
Songs: Jesus Thank You

Ascension Youth Presentation Ascension 20th Anniversary Presentation

Community News

See pages 3-4

Sermon

Message: God of Compassion
Scripture: Jonah 4
Speaker: Elder Steven Connor

Commitment & Connection

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.
2 Corinthians 8:9

You may place your offering in the basket, mail-in checks, or visit our online giving options. You can also send a prayer request or indicate your interest in any of our events via the Connection Card.

Sending

Song: Unto Him (Jude 24-25)

Benediction and Charge

Let us go forth in peace, to love and serve our city in Jesus' name!
Alleluia! Amen!

The pastors and other church leaders are available to pray with you or to answer questions about the Christian faith or Ascension Church. Bible verses from the English Standard Version (ESV), unless otherwise noted.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen. *If you prayed this or if you have questions about it, please indicate this on the Connection Card.*

Church Wide Community News & Events

AUSTIN STREET FAIR: Mark your calendars for this community event, which will take place Sunday, May 31. Volunteers needed. Please indicate your interest in volunteering on the Connection Card.

GROWTH GROUP: Join us Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm at the Wofseys' home or 7:15 pm at the Lus' home. Please indicate your interest on the Connection Card.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Meets on the second Sunday of every month in person and over Zoom unless otherwise noted. For more information, contact Suzanne Muench at munchkinny@gmail.com or indicate your interest on the Connection Card.

MEMBERS PRAYER MEETING: Join us the third Sunday of each month at 10 am to pray for our country, our church, and personal needs. Email Sibernie Morrison at morrison@sibernie@yahoo.com or indicate your interest on the Connection Card.

YOUNG ADULTS AND PROFESSIONALS (YAP): We're a community that aims to bring together young individuals (ages 18 - early 30s) who are curious about, exploring, or are believers in the Christian faith. Email lizmoy@ascensionforesthills.org to learn more!

ONCE-A-MONTH SUNDAY CARE CREWS: "Adopt" one Sunday each month to help care for our community. Serve by greeting, setting up our hospitality table, and encouraging conversation. Other volunteer opportunities include administration, logistics, and event planning. If you are interested in serving, contact Linda Thong or note it on the Connection Card.