

We welcome you to worship with us

May 17, Ascension Sunday

Guest preacher: Vaitafa Heimoana

We are glad you are here to worship with us.

Prelude **Wayne Mock**

The Light of Christ Enters

Welcome and Passing the Peace **Germaine Burke, Worship Leader**

Return to seat singing *He Has Made Me Glad* **TFWS 2270**

Call to Worship **Words on Screen**

Hymn of Praise *Crown Him with Many Crowns* **UMH 327**

Young People's Moment **Vaitafa Heimoana**

Prayers/Prayer Song **TFWS 2193**

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

Where We See God

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer **Vaitafa Heimoana**

Offertory **Wayne Mock**

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above, you heavenly host
Creator, Christ and Spirit one. Amen*

Prayer of Dedication **Vaitafa Heimoana**

Hymn of Preparation *O Christ, When You Ascended* **W&S 3086**

Scripture Reading *John 17:1-11* **Pew Bible, p 1316**

Sermon *Dying or Rising?* **Vaitafa Heimoana**

Hymn of Purpose *A Charge to Keep I Have* **UMH 413**

Opportunities to Serve **Tracy Tennies**

PLEASE STAND FOR THE BENEDICTION

Sending Forth & Benediction **Vaitafa Heimoana**

Song for Going Forth *The Lord Bless and Keep You* **TFWS 2280**

The Light of Christ Goes into the World

Postlude **Wayne Mock**

The task of the Church after Jesus' resurrection and ascension was [is] to proclaim the forgiveness of sins to all nations. **Charles Stanley**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar arrangement is provided by Maumi Tonga

Special thank you to Vaitafa Heimoana for preaching to us today!

Communion Offering for May will go to Native American Awareness

What is Native American Ministries Sunday?

We come together to honor and support Indigenous peoples and communities. It's to recognize the rich gifts, cultures, and contributions of Native Americans to both society and the Church. Many people—both in society and within the Church—lack understanding of Native American life, culture, and spirituality. Native American Ministries Sunday helps bridge this gap by celebrating Indigenous heritage and empowering Native voices in ministry. Native American Ministries matters because it addresses the critical shortage of Native American pastors and trained leaders, helping ensure that Indigenous communities have strong representation and leadership within the Church.

PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE... Tracy will be taking over prayer chain from May 1 to May 17th. Please direct all prayers to her at tracyltennies@gmail.com

Church office hours are Tuesday 9 am to 12 pm. Pastor Heilala's office hours are Tuesday-Thursday 11 am to 3 pm

HOLY CROSS DIRDAK SCHOLARSHIP- This is a scholarship for Graduating **HIGHSCHOOL SENIORS ONLY!** To get an application, contact the Church Office at 209-472-2177 or email holycrossumc@GMAIL.COM

PLEASE NOTE: Scholarship applications with all required documents are due no later than **JULY 31, 2025** by 5 pm to be eligible for scholarship.

EMERGENCY FOOD BANK FARMERS' MARKET IS THE 2nd FRIDAY MONTHLY! JUNE 12th! Holy Cross Patio, Bring your own bags, 11:00 am-12:00 pm

MERCY PEDALERS DONATIONS! We need donations of: Men's and women's summer t-shirts and pants, socks, caps, blankets, sleeping bags!

SURPRISE...the Church won the LOTTERY! The Fireworks Booth Lottery!

***FAMILY PROMISE WEEKS** July 26-August 2, November 29-December 6*

CHURCH EMAIL HAS CHANGED! holycrossumc@gmail.com

The Altar flower chart is up in the Social Hall. Sign up for a Sunday!

Wednesday Night live is every Wednesday at 5:30 pm. They start with a light meal and a study of an intro to the Gospels. Come join us. Contact Tracy to RSVP 209-327-7072.

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