

# ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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May 16, 2021

10:00 a.m.

## We Gather in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude

“O God of Earth and Altar”

James Mansfield

Introit

“Praise God for this Holy Ground”

John L. Bell

Welcome and Announcements

**\*Call To Worship**

Clap your hands. All you peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome  
and sovereign over all the earth.**

**\*Hymn**

Come, Worship God

No. 386

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Too often, Lord God, we are hesitant in our proclamation;**

**Too often, Lord God, we are half-hearted in our service;**

**Too often, Lord God, we live as if dependent wholly on our own resources;**

**Too often, Lord God, we look to the clouds for our inspiration,**

**in the vain hope of finding you there. Forgive the poverty of our efforts**

**and the frailty of our faith and open wide our hearts and minds**

**to the immanent presence of our Risen, Living and Ascended Lord Jesus Christ.**

**In his name we pray. Amen**

**\*Silent Prayer of Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Response**

*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*

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you.

**And also with you**

Let us greet each other saying; ‘May the peace of Christ be with you.’

**Anthem**

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

John and Penny Kerr

## We Listen for God's Word

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Responsive Reading**

Psalm 47

**Gospel Reading**

Acts 1:1-11

**Sermon**

Up Up, and Away Part II  
The Stowaway

Rev. Robert Griffin

## We Respond to God's Word

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

## We Go Forth to Serve in God's Name

**\*Hymn**

Christ is Alive

No. 246

**\*Benediction**

**Choral Benediction**

“May the God of Hope Go With Us”

Alvin Schutmaat

**Postlude**

“O God, Show Mercy to Us”

\*Please stand if able

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Rev. Robert Griffin, Pastor

Linda Betjeman, Minister of Music

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### **Session Team - Church Elders**

Class of 2021: Marianne Baird /Peter Vielbig /Laura Nelsen

Class of 2022: Marilynn Pysher /Heather Reylek /Karin Bennett

Class of 2023: Dan Binder /Ellen Gove – Clerk of Session

### **Deacons Team**

Class of 2021: Rachel Brigham /Cindy Griffin

Class of 2022: Alison Binder/ Sharon Donno /Roswitha Wissemann

Class of 2023: Brenda Bergman/ Colleen Smith/ Elsie Mae Brigham/ Lauren Gibbs

### **Congregational Nominating Team**

Class of 2021: Heather Reylek / Lee Anne Bastible / John Miller / Cindi Griffin

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## **Prayer List**

Please pray for: our world in the midst of this pandemic; our new President; those suffering from COVID; equal and speedy distribution of COVID vaccine and gratitude for its local availability; the families of those who mourn especially the family of Nicholas Morehead, cancer treatment for Philip Macallister and Marietta Young.

*We will gladly list names of any individuals in need of prayer. You may share names by turning in a note from the pew or by emailing the church office prior to Thursday a.m. We will continue to list these names for 4 weeks and then they will be removed unless a specific request is made. Specific names require the person's permission.*

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***He then led them out of the city over to Bethany. Raising his hands he blessed them, and while blessing them, made his exit, being carried up to heaven.***

Luke 24:50-51