



Ascension of the Lord

May 13, 2018 | 8:30 + 11:00 am

We Gather in the Presence of the Risen Savior

Welcome + Announcements

Prelude

(8:30) Across the Lands *setting by James Koerts*

(11:00) A Spirited Fanfare *by Michael Mazzatenta*

*Call to Worship

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

The Lord Jesus Christ has risen to reign;

his is the name above all names.

Let us worship God.

***Gathering Hymn** | Across the Lands *red hymnal, #775*

We Seek Renewal in God's Presence

*Call to Confession

Let us repent of those things that have drawn us away from God and our neighbors, that we may receive the joy of forgiveness.

Silence for personal confession

Hymns + Songs | *Lift Up Your Hearts* (red hymnal)

Bold Print | Speak or sing together in unison

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

***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.

***Words of Assurance**

The promise of our faith is that we are already forgiven, and, in Christ's name, given the power to rise up and subdue all that separates us from God and each other.

***The Peace | time of greeting**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The Word of the Lord

Psalm Lesson | Psalm 47 *Bible, pg. 450*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Lesson | 1 John 5:9-13 *Bible, pg. 991*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(11:00) **Choral Response | Grant Us Thy Peace** *by Felix Mendelssohn*

Time for Young Disciples | Heather Woodin, Director of Children's and Family Ministry

Parents who would like to have their children (3 year old-Kindergarten) participate in Children's Time are welcome to accompany their children downstairs during the congregational hymn. Children will be brought back to the sanctuary during the Sending Hymn.

Congregational Hymn | There Is a Redeemer *red hymnal, #833*

New Testament Lesson | Acts 1:1-11 *Bible, pg. 884*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message | "Why do you stand looking up toward heaven?" Rev. Dr. Danie deBeer

Responding to the Word

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Prayer requests may be written on a prayer card and placed in the offering plate.

Offertory

(8:30) Jesus Shall Reign *setting by Charles W. Ore*

(11:00) God's Love Rings Out *setting by Sondra Tucker*

***Offertory Response** | Doxology with Alleluias
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Text: Thomas Ken, adapted by Gilbert Vierira

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People + The 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.

Sending

***Sending Hymn** | Jesus Shall Reign *red hymnal, #219*

1. All
2. Women & Children
3. All, in harmony
4. Men
5. All

***Charge + Blessing**

***Postlude** | Jesus Shall Reign *setting by David Cherwien*

You are invited to remain for the postlude. Soli Deo Gloria! Glory to God Alone!

If you desire a personal time of prayer, we're here to pray with you and for you. Please join a prayer partner at the Prayer Room at the back of the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Daniel deBeer + Rev. Kyle Otterbein, *pastors*
Matthew Penning, *director of music*
Logos Choir, Resound!
(8:30) Myra Farraj; (11:00) Jan Taylor, *worship leaders*

Announcements

Welcome! We are happy to have you here with us today. If you would like more information about St. Andrew, please indicate your interest on the Connection Card. Join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments after the service. This is a wonderful way to meet the St. Andrew family.

All ages are welcomed in our worship services. Worship materials for children and adults, including large print hymnals, bibles, and bulletins are available on the shelves outside the north sanctuary doors. A T-Coil hearing assist loop is also available for those with this feature on their hearing aids.

If needed, **infant and toddler care** (up to age 2) is provided downstairs in the Nursery. Children's Time, for ages 3 years through Kindergarten, is also downstairs.

Connection Cards are one way we can extend welcome and hospitality to our guests while also helping us consider steps we can take in the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. We ask each person to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. Members, once your contact information is correct, you only need to write your name. As my next step, I will . . .

- ◇ Stop choosing the safe, less demanding way of being a spectator of what other people do and become a witness of Jesus Christ.
- ◇ Truly trust God's time for restoration and begin to do the work Jesus has commissioned us to do, that is, to witness about God's love for this world.
- ◇ Think about ways to live into the reality that the kingdom of God is not only a future, heavenly event which we enter after death.
- ◇ Look for God in times of transition and uncertainty.

Prayer Requests may be written on a blue Prayer Request Card and placed in the offering plate.

The **flowers** this morning are given by Bob and Rosalie Jeffress.

Mental Health Initiatives will hold a Support and Discussion Group on Wednesday, May 16, at the Iowa City Library from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. For more information, contact Marcia Murphy at murphyma87533@gmail.com.

Lunch with the Leaders: We will hold our Lunch with the Leaders gathering following the 11:00 worship service today in the Atrium. Anyone interested in learning more about the life and ministry of St. Andrew, or who is considering membership, is invited to come! Lunch will be provided.

Session Listening Post: There will be another Session Listening Post between worship services today.

Adult Education: The "Congratulations, You're a Presbyterian..." class is being held between worship services today in the Youth Room. The Sunday Gospel Gathering will meet this evening at 6:30 in the Sanctuary.

Confirmands will be confirmed next week, May 20, at the 11:00 worship service.

TRUE Moms will meet at Willow Creek Park at 9:30 am on Thursday, May 17.

There will be a **St. Andrew Friendship Dinner** at the home of Amy & Dave Nicholson on Friday, May 18. More information and a sign-up sheet are in the Atrium.

You are invited to a **Mulch Party on May 19 at 8:30 am!** We have a beautiful landscape that is finally greening up, and we need to help it along. We will be mulching the center island directly out from the front door and a few other areas around the building and parking lot. Rumor has it there will be donuts!

