



# Seventh Sunday in Easter

May 28, 2017 | 8:30 + 11:00 am



## We Gather in the Presence of the Risen Lord

**Prelude** | Before the Throne of God Above    *setting by Joel Raney*

### **Welcome + Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship** — Psalm 47:5-8, NIV

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,  
**the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.**

Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
**sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

For God is the King of all the earth;  
**sing to him a psalm of praise.**

God reigns over the nations;  
**God is seated on his holy throne.**

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

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

**Bold Print** | Speak or sing together in unison

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

# We Seek Renewal in God's Presence

## **\*Call to Confession**

While we claim to celebrate the ascension of Christ our Lord, the way we live proclaims our lack of faith in his power to deal with the world. Let us confess the gap between our faith and our lives.

*Silence for personal confession*

## **\*Prayer of Confession**

**We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust. While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we have too often acted as though you are powerless in the face of today's events. Help us to live with confidence in your presence today, and strengthen us to reflect your love and glory in the world. Amen.**

## **\*Words of Assurance**

Hear the good news of the gospel: If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

## **\*The Peace** | time of greeting

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Musical Response** | Crown Him with Many Crowns    *by Fernando Ortega*

# The Word of the Lord

**New Testament Lesson** | Acts 1:6-15    *Bible*, pg. 884

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

**Epistle Lesson** | Colossians 3:1-4    *Bible*, pg. 957

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

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

*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** | Before the Throne of God Above    *red hymnal*, #682

**Gospel Lesson** | John 17, selected verses    *Bible*, pg. 879

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

**Message** | The Praying One    Rev. Kyle Otterbein

# 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** | Lord, I Lift Your Name on High     *setting by Mark Hayes*

**\*Offertory Response** | Doxology with Alleluias     Text: Thomas Ken, adapt. Gilbert H. Vieira

**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!**

**\*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** | Rejoice, the Lord is King     *red hymnal, #224*

**\*Charge + Blessing**

*If you desire a personal time of prayer, we're here to pray with you and for you. Please join a prayer partner by the baptismal font at the front of the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service.*

## Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Matt Paul + Rev. Kyle Otterbein, *Pastors*

Matthew Penning, *Director of Music Ministries*

Mark & Sarah Beerends, Becky Benson, and Willem Paul, *quartet*

Ted Potter, *worship leader*

# 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 between services; this is a wonderful way to meet the St. Andrew family.

**Families with children and infants** are welcomed in our worship services. Worship materials for children are available on the bookshelves outside the sanctuary.

**Infant and toddler care** (up to age 2) is provided downstairs in the Nursery. Children's Time, for ages 3 years through Kindergarten, also is 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. You may also drop your card off at the Welcome Center. As my next step today, I will . . .

- ◇ Direct my prayers this week to Christ as the Ascended Lord who prays for us.
- ◇ Memorize Colossians 3:1 (or 3:1-4).
- ◇ Help the VBS team collect some basic household supplies: cardboard tubes from toilet paper and paper towels; boxes from cereal, crackers, cake mix, etc. Save these items and bring them to church by Friday, June 9.
- ◇ Sign up for Feed My Starving Children by clicking the scrolling image on the main page of our website.

**Prayer Requests** may be written on a blue Prayer Request Card and placed in the offering plate or in the Prayer Request Box by the office door. You may indicate that you would like your prayer shared with the congregation during worship, or only shared with the Pastors and Prayer Ministry. Need more? A Stephen Minister is a trained member that provides high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care and support during times of need, grief, and crisis. If you know someone who might need a friend during a life transition, please contact one of the pastors or the Stephen Ministry referrals coordinators Graham Dameron (319/337.9270 | [graham3076@gmail.com](mailto:graham3076@gmail.com)) or Mary Beth Ross (319/338.0082 | [jawoodsunrise@gmail.com](mailto:jawoodsunrise@gmail.com)).

The **flowers** are given today in honor of Bob and Rosalie Jeffress' mothers.

When you are planning your summer schedule, be sure to include **Vacation Bible School**. Kids and leaders are invited to join us from 9 am to 11:30 am, June 12 through the 16 at the church. Registration forms for participants and volunteers are available on the credenza outside the church office. Registration fee is \$10 by May 31, or \$25 after May 31. Several dates have been designated for Volunteer Orientation as well as VBS Work Days. Please contact Heather Woodin ([hwoodin@saintandrew-ic.org](mailto:hwoodin@saintandrew-ic.org)) for a schedule.

**TRUE Moms** is a new ministry for mothers of young children that is starting this fall, and we are looking for caregivers to help us get off to a good start. While the moms meet, children will be in the nursery. We need several caregivers for each meeting — two Thursday per month, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Volunteers can sign up to work in the nursery on a regular basis or just occasionally, whenever your schedule allows. Volunteers will care for infants through preschoolers. For more details, talk to Heather Woodin: [hwoodin@saintandrew-ic.org](mailto:hwoodin@saintandrew-ic.org) or call the church office, 319/338.7523.

