



FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 24, 2020 † 10:30 a.m.

Ascension Sunday
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Announcements and prayer concerns will not be read out loud,
but are on the screens before and after worship for Faith, Bethel, and New Hope.

Live stream access at 10 a.m.; Prelude at 10:20 and Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (responsive)

Today is Ascension Sunday when we celebrate Christ's return to God.

We look up in wonder as He is lifted from us into heaven!

But this is not a time to gaze upward. There is work to be done.

Jesus has entrusted the ministry of God's love to us.

Let's get to work!

Let's make our hearts ready for the task ahead with prayer and praise! Let us worship God!

Hymn of Praise

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise (v. 1-2)

312 UMH

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Creating God, stir in us the newness of life, that we may experience what You are doing in the world around us. Help us not to grow stale to the world, dim to Your light, but to reflect Your light and the newness of Your creation in all that we do. Inspire us to live for others, to love our neighbors and seek their well-being. In living for others, we find ourselves living out Your greatest commandment, knowing that You lived for us, so we live for others. Create in us the newness of life, that we might love, live, and share the joy found in You. In the name of Christ, who makes all things new, we pray. Amen.

Children's Message

Children's Hymn

Love the Lord Your God

2168 TFWS

Offering Words

Gifted with the grace of God, and clothed with power from on high, we offer ourselves to the building of God's kingdom through our financial gifts. Our church families are grateful for the gifts you share with us.

***Offertory Response**

I Love You, Lord

2068 TFWS

Offering Prayer (in unison)

Bless these gifts, God-with-us, that we might worship you with great joy and serve your people with great love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn of Reflection

You Alone Are Holy

2077 TFWS

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:44-53

Sermon

Rev. Kathy Reid

Memorial Day Reflection

Caren Schultz

Special Music

Blades of Grass and Pure White Stone

Faith Choir (pre-recorded)

United States' Forces' Prayer (in unison)

Heavenly Father, on this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Sending Forth

Let There Be Peace on Earth

431 UMH

***Benediction**

And now our service begins . . .

*Pastors: Rev. Kathy Reid, Faith and Bethel UMCs, Rev. Ric Olson, New Hope UMC,
Pastor Don Drollinger, Zion and Halle UMCs*

Music Director and accompanist: Nancy Jones

Liturgist and song leader: Dennis Jones

Vocalists: Dennis Jones, Chris Raisbeck, Pastor Kathy Reid and Caren Schultz

Audio Visual Team: Chris Raisbeck, Caren Schultz, Jennifer Beimborn

