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The Sunday after Ascension Day

May 21, 2023

10:30 AM

Childcare is available in the nursery for children from birth-3 years old.

The Word of God

**Please rise in spirit or in body, as you are able.*

THE PRELUDE

Terry Zapp-Miller

THE WELCOME

THE JOYS AND CONCERNS

*THE HYMN

As the Deer

*THE ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*THE PRAYER FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 47

Sermon Text: Romans 8

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout unto God with loud songs of joy.

For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

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

For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mary Collins

The children are dismissed to the Children's Church downstairs. Children return to the worship service at the passing of the peace for The Service of Holy Communion.

*THE HYMN

How Firm the Foundation

UMC 529

THE LESSON

THE SERMON

Loran Anderson

THE OFFERING

*THE DOXOLOGY

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sermon Notes: _____

Announcements:

Graduate Recognition Service! Join us Sunday, May 28 at the 10:30am service as we recognize our graduates. Please have your graduate come in their regalia from school so that we can recognize and pray for them as a congregation.

This Week's Events:

Wednesday, May 24: Youth Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

SLC Meeting at 5:30 pm

Sunday, May 28: Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service and Graduate Recognition at 10:30 a.m.

Choir Practice at 5:00 p.m.

Next Week's Leaders (May 28):

Liturgist: Loran Anderson

Greeters & Ushers: Butch Durham, Roger Hooper

Audio & Visuals: Chris Light, Mason Turner

Acolytes:

Children's Church: Mary Collins

Nursery: Mary West, Katherine Scott

Our Community Prays For: Donna Hooper, Janet Harris, Tom Mayo, Janice Frakes, Chuck Elston, **family of Debbie Lovell**

Those who are homebound or in care facilities: Laura Jane Anderson, Bill Noble, Sylvia Shellenbarger, Betty Jo Elliot, Erwin Gaines, Douglas Bradbury, and Julia Hooper.

Young persons who need prayer: Adam Harris, Brantley Terlecki

Those who serve our nation: Aaron Hill, Jay Johnson, Mikale Gardner, Kyle Voss, Ryan Morin, Michael Morin, Terry Phelps, Joshua Morin

The Service of Holy Communion

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his most glorious resurrection appeared to his Apostles, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In

obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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, for ever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*THE COMMUNION HYMN *One Bread, One Body* UMH 620

THE CLOSING PRAYER

Anselm of Canterbury

Teach me to seek you, and as I seek you, show yourself to me; for I cannot seek you unless you show me how, and I will never find you unless you show yourself to me. Let me seek you by desiring you, and desire you by seeking you; let me find you by loving you, and love you in finding you. Amen.

*THE HYMN *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* UMC 110

*THE KENYAN BLESSING

All of our problems,

We send to the cross of Christ.

All our difficulties,

We send to the cross of Christ.

All the devil's works,

We send to the cross of Christ.

All our hopes,

We set on the risen Christ!

THE POSTLUDE