



# Community Presbyterian Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Ascension Sunday  
21 May 2023

## GATHERING

### Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

*Prayer Moment*

### \*Call to Worship

(One) The Lord is Risen!

**(All) He is Risen, indeed, Alleluia!**

(One) Give thanks to the Risen Lord, who is holy.

**(All) God's steadfast love endures forever!**

(One) Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**(All) This is the gate of the Lord; let us come and worship God together.**

### Opening Prayer

### Responsive Psalm

*Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35*

(One) Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.

**(All) But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.**

(One) Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—his name is the LORD—be exultant before him.

**(All) Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.**

(One) God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.

**(All) O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

(One) Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

**(All) Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord, O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.**

(One) Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel;  
and whose power is in the skies.

**(All) Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of  
Israel; he gives power and strength to his people.  
Blessed be God!**

**\*Hymn (507)**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

(1) A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he, amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great,  
and, armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

(2) Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side,  
the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth his name,  
from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.

(3) And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed  
his truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure,  
for lo, his doom is sure;  
one little word shall fell him.

(4) That word above all earthly powers,  
no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours  
thro' him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still;  
his kingdom is forever.

**Prayer of Confession**

*Jesus, Remember Me*

Jesus, remember me,  
when you coming into Your Kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me,  
when you come into Your Kingdom.

**Silence**

**Response**

*Hear Our Prayer O'Lord*

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;  
incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

**PROCLAMATION**

**First Reading**

*Acts 1:6-14*

**Second Reading**

*1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11*

**Gospel Reading**

*John 17:1-11*

**Sermon**

**\*Hymn (106)**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus Name!*

(1) All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem,

and crown him Lord of all;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all!

(2) Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all!

(3) Let every kindred, every tribe  
on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all!

(4) O that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
we'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all!

## RESPONSE

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

*Nicene Creed*

**I believe** in one God, the Father almighty, maker of  
heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

**I believe** in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son  
of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God,  
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not  
made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all  
things were made. For us men and for our salvation he  
came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was  
incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our

sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered  
death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in  
accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come  
again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his  
kingdom will have no end.

**I believe** in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who  
proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the  
Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has  
spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy,  
catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for  
the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the  
resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

### **Offertory**

*Care Chorus*

### **\*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

### **Passing of the Peace**

### **Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer** (sins/trespas)

## SENDING

### **Charge**

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

*Sun of My Soul*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Intergenerational Study of the Bible for Youth**

It's the final week of our Intergenerational Study of the Bible for Youth. **Join us this Sunday, May 21 from 4:00-6:00pm** as we finish our LEGO timeline.

## **Games Up Here**

No Monday Night Games this week. See you next week!

## **Wednesday Bible Study**

**Join us this Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 5:00pm** in Darley Hall and on Zoom as we finish our exploration of the doctrine of the Image of God.

## **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

Men's Prayer Breakfast is happening this week on **Thursday, May 25 at 7:00am.**

**Pastor:** Rev. Jason Brian Santos, Ph.D. (206) 962-9886

**Organist/Pianist:** Celeste Scott

**Guest Pianist:** Silas Santos

# SCRIPTURES

## **Acts 1:6-14**

1:6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?"

1:7 He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.

1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in

Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

1:9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

1:10 While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

1:11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

1:12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.

1:13 When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

1:14 All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

## **1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

4:12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

4:13 But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed.

4:14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time.

5:7 Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

5:8 Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.

5:9 Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

5:10 And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.

5:11 To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

### **John 17:1-11**

17:1 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you,

17:2 since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

17:4 I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.

17:5 So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

17:6 "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

17:7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you;

17:8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

17:9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

17:10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

17:11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.