



Community Presbyterian Church

Seventh Sunday of Eastertide
Ascension Sunday
12 May 2024

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude (446)

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

*Call to Worship

(One) Alleluia, Christ has ascended!

(All) The Lord has ascended indeed, Alleluia!

(One) Jesus Christ, our heavenly priest, now sits at the right hand of the Father, where He intercedes for us.

(All) Our Savior awaits for the appointed time of His return, when he will gather those who believe in Him.

(One) Until He returns, we have been sent into this world to preach and proclaim the good news of our salvation.

(All) Send us, Lord Jesus, into Lake City, that we might show your love and usher in your reconciliation.

(One) May our worship today be a testimony to God's saving grace in this land.

Opening Prayer

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 1

(One) Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

(All) They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

(One) The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

(All) Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

***Hymn (318)** *Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending*

(1) Jesus comes with clouds descending;
see the Lamb for sinners slain!
Thousand, thousand saints attending
join to sing the glad refrain:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign!

(2) Every eye shall then behold you
robed in awesome majesty;
those who jeered and mocked and sold you,
pierced and nailed you to the tree,
shamed and grieving, shamed and grieving,
shall their true Messiah see.

(3) Yes, amen! Let all adore you,
high on your eternal throne;
crowns and empires fall before you,
claim the kingdom for your own.
Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus,
everlasting Christ, come down!

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you
shattered the power of sin and reversed the curse of death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by ways that lead to death. Forgive us, God of
abundant mercy. Help us to trust in Your Spirit as we are
formed in the likeness of Christ. Restore us and make us
new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in
Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAMATION

First Reading

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Second Reading

1 John 5:9-13

Gospel Reading

John 17:6-19

Sermon

***Hymn (323)**

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

(1) Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
to his throne beyond the skies; Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!

(2) There for him high triumph waits, Alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!
he has conquered death and sin. Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

(3) See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!
yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia!
though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
still he calls us all his own. Alleluia!

(4) See! he lifts his hands above! Alleluia!
See, he shows the prints of love! Alleluia!
Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
blessings on his church below. Alleluia!

RESPONSE

***Affirmation of Faith**

(One) How was Christ exalted in his ascension?

**(All) Christ was exalted in his ascension, in that having
after his resurrection often appeared unto and
conversed with his apostles, speaking to them of the
things pertaining to the kingdom of God, and giving**

them commission to preach the gospel to all nations, forty days after his resurrection, he, in our nature, and as our head, triumphing over enemies, visibly went up into the highest heavens, there to receive gifts for men, to raise up our affections thither, and to prepare a place for us, where himself is, and shall continue till his second coming at the end of the world.

-Westminster Longer Catechism Question #53

Offertory

Mother's Day Hymn

***Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

Passing of the Peace

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespass)

SENDING

Charge

Benediction

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mother's Day Waffles!

Join us after the service in Darley Hall for a special Mother's Day waffle extravaganza!!

Congregational Meeting

We'd like to announce a **congregational meeting set for Sunday, May 26th directly after the service to vote on the nominated slate of ruling elders.** The nominees are Marcia Connell and Tom Arnold for the class of 2026 as ruling elders.

Monday night Games Up Here this week!

Games this week! 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Annex.

Wednesday Bible Study

Join us this Wednesday May 15th for the fourth part of our *Earthly Possessions* series. We'll meet in Darley Hall and on Zoom at 5:00pm.

Spring Cleaning

Join us on **Saturday May 18th at 9:00am** as we prepare our grounds for ministry this summer.

SCRIPTURES

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

1:15 In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said,

1:16 "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus --

1:17 for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."

1:21 So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

1:22 beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us--one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection."

1:23 So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.

1:24 Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen

1:25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place."

1:26 And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

1 John 5:9-13

5:9 If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son.

5:10 Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son.

5:11 And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

5:12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

5:13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

John 17:6-19

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.

17:12 While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.

17:13 But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

17:14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

17:15 I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.

17:16 They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

17:18 As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

17:19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.