

Community Presbyterian Church

Ascension Sunday 1 June 2025

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*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 93

(One) The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; he is girded with strength.

(All) He has established the world; it shall never be moved; your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

(One) The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

(All) More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the LORD!

(One) Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

*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 Second Reading Gospel Reading Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53

Sermon

*Hymn (319)

Shine Jesus Shine

(1) Lord the Light or Your Love is shining, In the midst of the darkness shining, Jesus light of the world shine upon us, Set us free by the truth You now bring us, Shine on me. Shine on me.

Refrain:

Shine Jesus shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit blaze,
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word
Lord and let there be light.

- (2) Lord I come to Your awesome presence, From the shadows into Your radiance, By the blood I may enter Your brightness, Search me, try me, consume all my darkness, Shine on me. Shine on me.
- (3) As we gaze on Your kingly brightness. So our faces display Your likeness. Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story. Shine on me. Shine on me.

EUCHARIST

Welcome to the Table

Words of Institution

Communion

Eat This Bread

Eat this bread, Drink this cup.
Come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, Drink this cup.
Trust in him and you will not thirst.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory

*Doxology (A Capella)

*Prayer of Dedication

Passing of the Peace

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespass)

SENDING

Charge Benediction

Postlude

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SCRIPTURES

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach

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until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

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After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

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While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me;

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for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

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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.

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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."

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

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

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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."

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason

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I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers,

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that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him,

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so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,

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and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

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God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,

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far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

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And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,

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which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."

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Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 24:46

and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day

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and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

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You are witnesses of these things.

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And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

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Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

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While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

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And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 24:53

and they were continually in the temple blessing God.