

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 22, 2022

**Theme: Unraveling Easter: The Best Is Yet to Come
Celebrating the Ascension**



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

GATHERING

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Prelude: “God of the Sparrow” J. Wayne Kerr

Call to Worship Based on Psalm 47

Leader: Our God has ascended with a mighty shout.

People: The Lord has ascended with trumpets blaring!

Leader: Come, let’s sing praise to God together,

People: for our God is sovereign over all the earth!

*Hymn: #310 - I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord (with Bell Choir) (see download)

*Prayer of the Day

God of Creation, the heavens do indeed declare Your glory and the earth Your handiwork. If then we are eager to see the good and gentle land You have created in peace, then lead us quickly toward change and restoration. If Your Spirit is indeed at work, we pray: renew all things. Should we be afraid of distances across sea, the dangers of rough shores, or mountains too rugged to climb, or valleys too deep to cross, then lead us into green pastures and beside still waters. For all that terrifies and constrains us, keep our hearts valiant and our spirits resilient, through Christ we pray, AMEN.

Assurance of God’s Grace

Now through Christ, may the pulse of our hearts throb to the sustaining cadences of God’s rule. Command and we will obey. Overrule and we will yield. Lead and we will walk where we never thought before to go. AMEN

***Response:** In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God: do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. (#654)

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “Simple Gifts” Traditional, arr. L. Larson
Bell Choir

Scripture: Acts 1:6-14

*Hymn: #707 “Take Thou Our Minds Dear Lord” (see download)

Sermon: “Is This the Time?”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of Plenty, You provide more than we can imagine. You give us everything we need and bless the work of our hands, our minds, and our hearts. Now we honor You with the gifts we bring. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

An Affirmation of Easter Faith - Excerpts from the Confession of 1967

Leader: In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world through the eternal Son, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation.

People: In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows.

Leader: He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people. His life and teaching judge our goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes.

People: The risen Christ is the Savior for all. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community.

Leader: Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is God's sign that he will consummate his work of creation.

People: Through the risen and ascended Christ, God will bring about reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ. Amen and amen!

*Hymn: #297 "In Christ Called to Baptize" (see download)

*Charge and Benediction (from Confession of 1967)

Leader: And so, the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.

People: That in the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the promise of God's renewal of life and victory over all wrong is secured for the world and for us all.

Leader: Now to the One who is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath" J. Wayne Kerr

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

**The Sanctuary Flowers today are in Loving Memory of
my Mother Ann Simala
Given by Dave & Carol Berkhimer**

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: **Craig Keenan**

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1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



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