



Ascension Sunday
May 16, 2021
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Topeka, KS

Pre-Service Music

“Mighty to Save”
Fielding/Morgan
Jaron Marcus, Piano

GATHERING

We gather as the Body of Christ to encounter God in worship.

Prelude

“Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart/O Breath of Life”
Cindy Berry
Jaron Marcus, Piano

CENTERING WORDS

How does thinking of Jesus as our friend affect our daily living?

Welcome and Announcements

Bev Thompson

Responsive Call to Worship

Sing to God with songs of exaltation.
Clap your hands, you people of God.
Sing praises to the Lord, sing praises.
Shout with joy, you people of promise.
See the power of the Most High God.
Look to the heavens, you people of Spirit.
Sing to God with songs of exaltation.
Clap your hands, you people of God.

Prayer of the Day

Unison

Most High God, as Christ ascended into the heavens, so may our hearts ascend to you. Open our lives to the fullness of your power, that we may be clothed with power from on high. Open our eyes to the power of your Presence, that we may behold the glorious gift of your promised salvation. Help us wait patiently for the baptism of your Spirit, that we may be found worthy of your great gifts. Amen.

Musical Interlude

“Meditation on EIN FESTE BURG”

Charles Callahan
Brad Stipcak, Organ

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

God, lover of humankind, you have asked us to proclaim your name to all people. We confess that we have held back from doing that, shy and self-conscious. Forgive us, we pray, and empower us in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Kyrie (You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy)

Ashley Young

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

“Praise to God the Father”

Ashley Young

THE WORD

*The Word of God in scripture and interpreted in proclamation
is the center of worship.*

Prayer of Illumination

15 Since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, this is the reason that 16 I don't stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers. 17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Giver of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, 19 and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is working among us believers. This power is conferred by the energy of God's powerful strength. 20 God's power was at work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and sat him at God's right side in the heavens, 21 far above every ruler and authority and power and angelic power, any power that might be named not only now but in the future. 22 God put everything under Christ's feet and made him head of everything in the church, 23 which is his body. His body, the church, is the fullness of Christ, who fills everything in every way.

Thanks be to God.

44 Jesus 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 from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. 46 He said to them, "This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 Look, I'm sending to you what God has promised, but you are to stay in the city until you have been furnished with heavenly power."

50 He led them out as far as Bethany, where he lifted his hands and blessed them. 51 As he blessed them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. 52 They worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem overwhelmed with joy. 53 And they were continuously in the temple praising God.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*We respond to the Word of God in prayer and by offering
ourselves and our substance.*

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“Be Thou My Vision/Center”
arr. Victor Labenske
Jaron Marcus, Piano

Doxology

Ashley Young

Prayer of Dedication and Lord’s Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Worship equips us to go forth to serve God in the world.

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response

Go, My Children, with My Blessing
Ashley Young, Soloist

*Postlude

“How Firm A Foundation”
arr. Victor Labenske
Jaron Marcus, Piano

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participating in Worship Leadership:

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Presider

Bev Thompson, Liturgist

Brad Stipcak, Dir. Of Music, Organ

Jaron Marcus, Piano

Ashley Young, Soloist

Peter Sandquist, Audio/Visual

Anton Ahrens, Audio/Visual

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