

Ascension Sunday

May 17, 2015 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome & Announcements

*Passing of the Peace

Prelude *Offertoire* Franck

*Call to Worship

Leader: We are here to celebrate our risen Lord's presence and we affirm the gifts of love, hope, joy and peace.

People: Here we discover the meaning of life, know the power of love, and together celebrate new life in Christ.

Leader: To the place and time we have come. God is with us as a community of faith as we look to the future with hope.

People: With neighbor and friend and with the stranger also, we have come together to worship and give God praise.

All: May we now celebrate new life in Jesus Christ and sing the praise of a loving and compassionate God.

*Opening Hymn #312 *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

*The Apostles' Creed #881

*Gloria Patri #70

*Centering Prayer

Exalted Lord, you reign in the high and holy place, but for your royal throne you choose people of humble heart. We need not gaze into heaven to follow you, for you pledge to abide with all who live in your name. Grant us grace to recognize your presence in the brothers and sisters with whom we live and worship. At the last, permit us to know you face to face in glory. Amen.

Children's Message

Anthem *Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day* Traditional
Sanctuary Choir; Sean Coffron, soloist

Psalter Reading Psalm 47 Hymnal, Page 781

Leader: "The Word of God for the People of God." Response #1

People: "Thanks be to God."

*Hymn of Preparation #2115

Christ Has Risen

Sermon "Left Behind"
Text: Acts 1:1-11 (MSG)

Rev. Bates

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (#895)

Offering & Offertory

*Doxology #94

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God of mystery, you come to us through the love of Christ.
God of grace, you come to us in the presence of the Holy Spirit. You come to us with abundance beyond words. We respond by meeting you at this time and in this place with gifts of gratitude for the love of God, the life of Jesus and the movement of the Holy Spirit among us. Amen.**

*Closing Hymn #2184 (2x) *Sent Out In Jesus' Name*

*Benediction

*Postlude *Fantasia* Telemann

**For those who are able, please stand*

***Faith We Sing Hymnal Books are available in the window sills. Please help yourself if you would like to use one. Words to all hymns are projected on the screen.*

