



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 17, 2026

10:00 am

*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.
Liturgist for today's worship is.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP* (*adapted from Ps. 47*)

Shout for joy, sing songs of praise,
for God reigns over all the earth!

God has gone up with a shout!
Sound the trumpets and sing songs of praise!

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Living God, our faith is sometimes weak, our love for others can be faint, our prayers are often timid, and our gratitude is frequently unconvincing. When we stand looking toward heaven, yet feel far from you, draw near in mercy to forgive us, and fill us with your power, through the grace of Jesus, our resurrected Savior.

[silence]

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

RESPONSE TO PARDON

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**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

NEW TESTAMENT – Acts 1:1-11

Sue Bentley

“This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you saw him go into heaven.”

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Adult Choir

“Non Nobis, Domine”

GOSPEL – Luke 24:44-53

“Look . . . you are to stay in the city until you have been furnished with heavenly power.”

SERMON

“Waiting”

Dr. Linda Dickerson

CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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**At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.**

**Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.**

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and

