

May 16, 2021 ~ Ascension of the Lord

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God's love is here for you!

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GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL - Calling us to prepare with prayer during the prelude.

PRELUDE

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

setting, Robert A. Hobby

Alice Hoover, organ

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Karen

Given in loving memory of Raymond (Duke) and Carole Walters by the family.

OPENING SENTENCES

Liturgist

Clap your hands, all you peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

With praise and thanksgiving worship God,

who reigns in majesty above the mighty waters.

We will not stand looking up toward heaven,

for God is moving in this place!

GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN 263 (see hymn insert) All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Oliver Holden, 1793

Sarah Swigert, flute; Ron Geese, euphonium

*All who are able please stand.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*Prayer of Confession

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.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

SCRIPTURE **R**EADING

Ephesians 1:15-23

Liturgist

Holy wisdom, holy word. Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE **R**EADING

Acts 1:1-11

Pastor Karen

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE Lord. Is This the Time?

Pastor Karen

***H**YMN 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns
Ron Geese, euphonium

text, Matthew Bridges, 1851 music, George Job Elvey, 1868

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22)

Liturgist

Let us say what we believe.

New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional, "Debts and Debtors")

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole world and everything in it, for there is much need

and want, and we, the church, have been called to be Christ's body in our

world today.

All: May we be Christ's body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Pastor: We pray for all the people of the world, especially those who live in want and

need. We pray for those who are sick and those caring for the sick. We pray for the nations of the world, especially their leaders, that they may see, understand, and honor the sovereignty of peace and compassion over their

own self-interest.

All: May we be Christ's body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Pastor: We pray for your church and its leaders. May we all grow in faith and love, and

know with surety the inheritance and hope to which you have called us. Holy, holy, holy God, your power and majesty fill the universe, far above all we see and do, measure and name. You reign with Christ and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, and we continue our prayer as our Savior

taught us...

All: 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Sabbath Calm George S. Schuler

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son; Endless in the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/DEDICATION

Holy One, we clap our hands and shout for joy! We give you praise and these offerings, for, with Christ ascended by your side, you are God, awesome and Most High! Amen.

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE O For a Thousand Tongues arranged, Marilyn Arison

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEK:

MONDAY (5/17): Pastor's Sabbath
THURSDAY (5/20): 10 a.m. Prayer Fellowship via

Conference Call

7 p.m. Having a Mary Spirit book/video

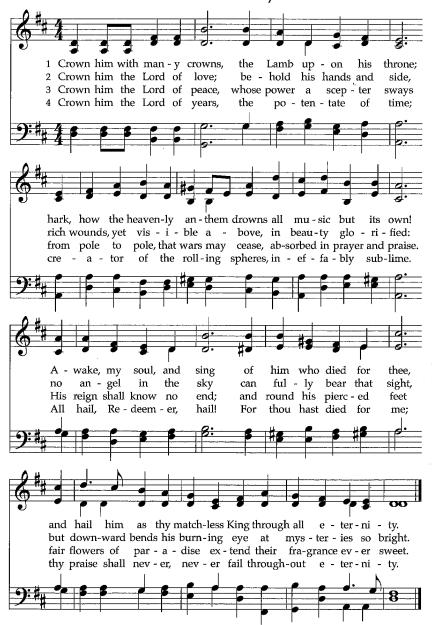
study via Zoom

SUNDAY (5/23): 10:30 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary



This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

Crown Him with Many Crowns 268



This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.