Service of Worship

+Please stand where indicated if it is comfortable for you. All are welcome in this place of worship. As you are seated, please silence your cell phones. The congregation will speak the liturgy in bold print.



God calls us together to offer praise and celebrate adoption as God's forgiven children.

Crown Him with Many Crowns James Denton Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linden Hustedt Lay Leader

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Risen with Christ, let us seek the realities of the Spirit. Our life is hidden with Christ in God.

He who descended is also ascended far above the heavens, that he might fill all things.

When Christ, our Life, appears, we shall appear with him in glory! Alleluia!

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #312

"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" LLANFAIR

+OPENING PRAYER

O God, the King of glory. You have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God in glory everlasting. Amen.

"Glory Be to God, Creator"

Glory be to God, Creator, glory be to God the Son, alory be to God the Spirit.

known as Three, yet God the One.

As it was in the beginning, it is now and so shall be in a world without ending, glory through eternity. Holy, holy God Almighty, holy, holy, Prince of Peace, holy, holy wind of Presence, holy, holy, holy. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kathy Peters Coordinator of Family Ministries

WORSHIP IN MUSIC

When I Return Marta Keen, arr. Jav Althouse Duet: Jackie Allen, David Hamblin

The Word is encountered in speech and song as scripture is interpreted and expounded.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: as we are formed by your word, help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALTER #781

Psalm 47

Sung Response

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 1:1-11

NT Page #110

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #163 "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know" (vs. 1-2) HENDON

+GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:44-53

NT Page #85

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #163 "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"

(vs. 3-4) HENDON

SERMON

With Great Joy

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

Response

We respond by affirming our praise, lifting our prayers and praising the triune God.

+THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, beaotten, not made. of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son

is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead. and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The congregation is invited to read and pray for the needs on the prayer list at this time.

HYMN OF ADORATION #347

"Spirit Song"

SPIRIT SONG

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer

THE 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

+DOXOLOGY #94

LASST UNS FREREUEN

Sending Forth

We follow the Word into the world, sent forth with God's blessing to lives of service and love.

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #157 "Jesus Shall Reign"

DUKE STREET

+BENEDICTION

All:

Minister:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you

and be gracious to you;

the Lord turn his face toward you

and give you peace.

And may the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, go with you now and be with you forevermore.

+POSTLUDE He is Fxalted Twila Paris, arr. Mark Hayes Philip Eyrich - Piano

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

In everything by prayer...
Let your requests be made known unto God.

Philippians 4:6

Please write your request here and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

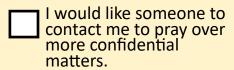
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PRAYER REQUESTS ARE HONORED UNTIL NOTIFICATION IS RECEIVED OTHERWISE. PLEASE KEEP US UPDATED AT 941-964-2479





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Instant Church Directory

If you need help creating your Instant Church Directory online account or downloading the free mobile application, please call the church office at 941-964-2479 or bring your laptop or mobile device to the office and our staff will help you.

Helping Hand Food Barrel

Your donations of non-perishable foods are appreciated. Before heading to your northern homes, please consider placing these food donations in the barrels by the sidewalk in front of the church's main entrance or the one in front of the church office building.

If you need Jane Caple to pick up your non-perishable food donations, or if you would like to drop them off at her house, please contact her at 941-223-2367 or via email at bocajanecaple@aol.com. Food donation barrels will be out until June 6. Current Helping Hand's needs are: pancake mix, dried fruit, canned fruit, snacks, Mac and Cheese, instant mashed potatoes. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Upcoming Virtual Committee Meetings

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 - Church Council - 2:00 PM - Via Zoom

Stephen Ministers

Stephen Ministers are available throughout the summer. Should you need to speak with a Stephen Minister, please contact Ray Smedley at snidleywhiplash114@yahoo.com or Ellie Durno at durno1@comcast.net



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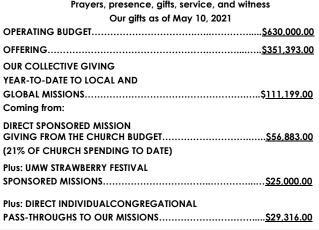
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Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness





May 16, 2021

Ascension Sunday

Receiving the Light, Being the Light, Sharing the Light of Jesus Christ



Forty days after Easter is the Ascension of Jesus as described in Acts, Luke, and Mark. Today we observe this festival. In many traditions, the Feast of the Ascension is one of the holiest and most celebrated moments in the liturgical year; it is also among the most ancient of Christian traditions. The Church holds that the day of Ascension is a day for celebration because all the work that Jesus came to do has been accomplished, and he returns to the right hand of God the Father. On this final Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Jesus's ascension and remember Jesus promised that his disciples would be "clothed with power from on high" to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth.