



*Salvador Dali, The Ascension of Christ*

## ***THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD***

June 1, 2025

10:00 am

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\*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.

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.**

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Before and after, first and last, Alpha and Omega,  
the steadfast love of God endures forever.*

**Alleluia!**

HYMN\*      *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*    263

PRAYER OF PRAISE\*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

**O 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.

[silence]

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.**

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE\*

RESPONSE TO PARDON

582

**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.**

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is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

OLD TESTAMENT – Psalm 47 (read responsively)

*Clap your hands, all you people!*

*Shout joyfully to God with a joyous shout!*

**Because the Lord Most High is awesome,  
he is the great king of the whole world.**

*He subdues the nations under us,  
subdues all people beneath our feet.*

**He chooses our inheritance for us:  
the heights of Jacob, which he loves.**

*God has gone up with a joyous shout—  
the Lord with the blast of the ram's horn.*

**Sing praises to God! Sing praises!**  
**Sing praises to our king! Sing praises**  
*because God is king of the whole world!*

*Sing praises with a song of instruction!*

**God is king over the nations.**

**God sits on his holy throne.**

*The leaders of all people are gathered*  
*with the people of Abraham's God*

**because the earth's guardians belong to God;**

**God is exalted beyond all.**

NEW TESTAMENT – Acts 1:1-11

Lucian Robinson

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Forest Arnold

GOSPEL – Luke 24:44-53

SERMON

*"I'm Sending You"*

Dr. Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

*(from A Declaration of Faith)*

**The risen Lord appeared to his followers. They recognized him as their Master who had been crucified. Before Jesus left them, he commissioned them to proclaim to all people the good news of his victory over death, and promised to be with them always.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

*The Lord be with you. And also with you.*

*Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.*

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*...with all creation we sing your praise, saying,*

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*... we declare the mystery of faith:*

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

**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.**

Sharing of Bread and Cup

*Prayer:* **Gracious God, we give you thanks that by the witness of your word and the sharing of this meal you have opened our hearts and eyes to the presence of Christ among us. Now send us forth from this place by the power of your Spirit to tell this good news to the world: The Lord has risen indeed! Amen.**

HYMN\*      “*Open My Eyes, That I May See*”      451

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION\*

CHORAL RESPONSE\*      748

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way  
through this and every coming day,  
that in your Spirit strong and true  
our lives may be our gift to you.**

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LEMONADE ON THE LAWN – All are Welcome!