



**May 12, 2024
7th Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday and Mother's Day**

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome

Prelude

Jesus Is All the World to Me

Thompson

The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.

Call to Worship

Susan Hubbuch

Why stare at the heavens to find God? Look within, for God's Spirit is there. Look around, for Christ's disciples are all around therefore clap your hands and sing for joy!

Christ is in our midst and in our lives.

Clap your hands and sing for joy!

Christ calls us to worship and praise.

Let's worship together.

Opening Prayer

Susan Hubbuch

Risen Christ, be present in our lives and in our worship.

Help us recognize and celebrate your presence.

Grant us the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may answer the call to be your disciples
and bring your message of love to the world.

Amen.

Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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Passing the Peace of Christ

Susan Hubbuch

As we resolve to follow the path that Jesus walked, let us offer one another the sustaining power of Christ's peace. The peace of Christ be with you, always.

And also with you.

Children's Message

Pastor Larry

Ministry of Music

Spirit of God

Carrie Glover

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Understanding

All Praying

Susan Hubbuch

Sing into our ears, O Spirit, the holy word of life. Tell us who we are and to whom we belong so that we may live with gratitude for all that you have done. Amen

Acts 1: 1-14

1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach **2** until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. **3** After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. **4** On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. **5** For John baptized with^[a] water, but in a few days you will be baptized with^[b] the Holy Spirit."

6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. **8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. **11** "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

¹² Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk^[c] from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

***Hymn**

He is Exalted

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Sermon

"Wait for the Gift"

Pastor Larry

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Gloria Patri**

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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

Morning Prayer

Pastor Larry

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. Amen.

Offertory Invitation

Susan Hubbuch

With songs of joy and hearts of love, let us bring our offerings and gifts in gratitude to God.

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Glorious Day

Nordman

**Doxology*

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer of Dedication*

Susan Hubbuch

Glorious God, may these gifts bring glory to you
and grace to your world.

May our lives and our ministry reflect your love,
and may we spread your message of love
throughout the world. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***Hymn**

Spirit of God

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***Benediction**

Pastor Larry

***Choral Benediction**

He Lives

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me

Along life's narrow way.

He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know he lives?

He lives within my heart.

***Postlude**

Join the Triumph of the Skies

Mendelssohn

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

*All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.*

*2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.*

*3. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.*

*4. Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.*

*5. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod,
and crown him Lord of all.
Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod,
and crown him Lord of all.*

*6. O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all.*

*We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all.*

HE IS EXALTED

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high:

I will praise him.

He is exalted, forever exalted

And I will praise his name!

He is the Lord,

Forever his truth shall reign;

Heaven and earth

Rejoice in his holy name.

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SPIRIT OF GOD

*Spirit of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life begin,
Blow as you always do;
Create us anew.
Give us the breath to sing,
Lifted on soaring wing,*

Refrain:
***held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Come, Spirit, come!***

*Spirit of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace and love,
Healing upon your wings for all living things.
For when we live your peace,
Captives will find release, **Refrain.***

*Spirit of God, bright Hands, even in far off lands
You hold all the human race in one warm embrace.
No matter where we go,
You hold us together so, **Refrain.***

*Spirit of God, bright Flame, send us in your holy name,
The power to heal, to share your love everywhere.
We cannot fail or fall,
Or know defeat at all, **Refrain.***

*Spirit of God in all, we gladly hear your call,
The life in our hands that sings,
The power of your wings.
Born of your grace we rise,
Love shining in our eyes, **Refrain.***