

May 21, 2023

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Today is Ascension Sunday when we celebrate Christ's return to God.

People: We look up in wonder as he is lifted from us into heaven!

Leader: But this is not a time to gaze upward. There is work to be done.

People: Jesus has entrusted the ministry of God's love to us.

Leader: Let's get to work!

People: Let's make our hearts ready for the task ahead with prayer and praise!

Leader: Amen

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***Hymn #257: "Alleluia! Gracious Jesus"**

***Passing of the Peace**

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:6-14 Jan Derry

Anthem

Time With Young Disciples

Unison Prayer

God of incredible surprises, as we gaze into the clouds, remind us that we are standing on holy ground. Place our feet on the pathways of peace and hope. Draw our attention from the vision of the Lord rising to the heavens to be with you and help us to focus on the ministries that you would have us do. Keep us ready and willing always to serve you all our days. AMEN.

Sermon: "Corrected Vision"

***Hymn #538: "Standing at the Future's Threshold"**

The Community at Prayer (*Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord's Prayer*)

If you are watching online, type any prayer requests in the chat by the end of the sermon and we can voice them and get the names on the prayer list.

Prayer Response

Invitation to the Offering

(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate during service, by mailing your gift to the church office, or by signing up for electronic giving through our website.)

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

All things have their origin with you, Lord, and from these riches we freely give, that your church might grow in this place and throughout the world. Amen

***Hymn #537: "Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed"**

*Commissioning and Blessing

*Choral Response

*Postlude