

CHORAL ANTHEM Rayne Children's Choir, 11:00, insert
God, Bless My Family

THE RED STEPS A Special Time for Our Children
At this time, children age 3 years old through 2nd grade may come forward to the front of the Sanctuary for a time of sharing, then attend children's church in the education building.

CHILDREN'S BELL CHOIR 11:00
Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MINISTRY MOMENT Alex Sloan, NOLA Wesley

PRAYER O God, light the dark corners of our minds. Warm the cold places in our hearts. Fill the empty chambers of our spirits. Heal the brokenness of our lives. Amen.
-Rev. John Winn

SCRIPTURE Luke 24:44-53 Bob Hopkins, 8:45
Isaac Pfeiffer, 11:00

HOMILY Eulogies for the Living

+HYMN Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love 566
Students (grades 3-5) may now exit the Sanctuary for a time of conversation in the Parlor.

OFFERING Cassie Segal, 8:45, insert
For the Beauty of the Earth

CHORAL ANTHEM Rayne Chancel Choir, 11:00, insert
As Truly as God is our Father

+DOXOLOGY *together*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION 8:45, insert
I Stand Amazed in the Presence 371
Blessed Assurance 369

+HYMN And Are We Yet Alive 553 (v. 1, 2, 4, 6)

+BENEDICTION *responsively* Go now in peace.
Stand firm in your faith. Be strong. Be brave.
Let everything you do be done in love.

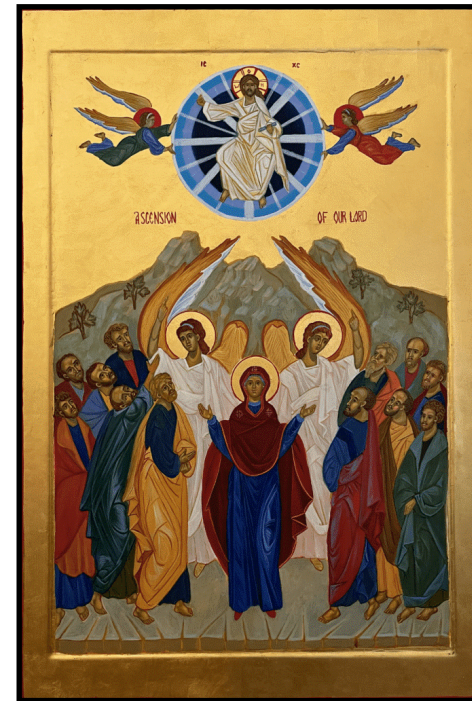
POSTLUDE Processional G. F. Händel



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Ascension of the Lord

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Ascension of Our Lord, Maidie Weisbarth

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors

THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

All are welcome!

All are invited to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

GATHERING

Rev. Jay Hogewood

Blessed are you who are tired of pretending that raw effort is the secret to perfection. It's not. And you know that now. Blessed are you who need a gentle reminder that even now, even today, God is here, and somehow, that is good enough. And blessed are we, the imperfect and don't-have-it-all-together. We are God's beloved. Amen.

~ adapted from Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie

PRELUDE

Marcus St. Julien

Prière à Notre Dame

Léon Boëllmann

†CALL TO WORSHIP *responsively*

Rev. Mary Brown, 8:45

Rev. Zoë Garry, 11:00

Risen with Christ, let us seek the fruit of the Spirit.

Come Holy Spirit, fill our lives with your love, joy, and peace.

Christ who descended is also risen

high above the heavens that he might fill all things.

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

Alleluia! Amen.

†HYMN

Ye Servants of God

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PRAYER *responsively*

The peace and purpose of Jesus, our blessed Savior, be with you.

And also with you.

We offer our prayers on behalf of our neighbors whose needs are known to us. We pray both for siblings and friends that we know and for those who are strangers.

*In these moments, we are invited to speak aloud the name(s)
of those for whom we pray; or hold them in the silence of our hearts.*

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Together we pray as your people at work in this world:

†The People Standing

Open our minds to understand the scriptures, O God, so that when sin cripples our hope, we may discover the freedom of your forgiveness; when suffering and death overtake our lives, we may know the joy of the risen Christ; and when we feel abandoned, we may comprehend the power of the promised Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *together*

11:00

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RESPONSE *together* Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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(verses 1 & 2)

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled: To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing, an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.

As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band: To God all praise and glory.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

39, 11:00

Luke Austin Manhal

Born May 8, 2023

Lauren & Garrett, parents Nolan John, brother

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

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singing together

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign; with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came. Back to God we humbly give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.

CHILDREN'S BELL CHOIR

11:00

Jesus Loves Me

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

All are welcome at the table!

HYMN

Ye Servants of God

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1 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol,
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.
2 God ruleth on high, almighty to save,
and still he is nigh, his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.
3 "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.
4 Then let us adore and give him his right,
all glory and power, all wisdom and might;
all honor and blessing with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

HYMN

Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love

566

1 Blest be the dear uniting love that will not let us part;
our bodies may far off remove, we still are one in heart.
2. Joined in one spirit to our Head, where he appoints we go,
and still in Jesus' footsteps tread, and do his work below.
3. O may we ever walk in him, and nothing know beside,
nothing desire, nothing esteem, but Jesus crucified!
4. We all are one who him receive, and each with each agree,
in him the One, the Truth, we live; blest point of unity!
5. Partakers of the Savior's grace, the same in mind and heart,
nor joy, nor grief, nor time, nor place, nor life, nor death can part.

HYMN

And Are We Yet Alive

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(verses 1, 2, 4, & 6)

1. And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?
Glory and thanks to Jesus give for his almighty grace!
2. Preserved by power divine to full salvation here,
again in Jesus' praise we join, and in his sight appear.
4. Yet out of all the Lord hath brought us by his love;
and still he doth his help afford, and hides our life above.
6. Let us take up the cross till we the crown obtain,
and gladly reckon all things loss so we may Jesus gain.

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION

Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion, forgive us our sins - known and unknown, those things done and left undone. Inspire us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life to the honor and glory of your holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION PARDON

Hear again the good news of Jesus, our Prince of Peace: God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn: *singing together:*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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!

And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith: *singing together: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.*

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ redeemed by his blood. By your spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God.

singing together: Amen, amen, amen!

THE LORD'S PRAYER *together*