

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

7th Sunday of Easter-Ascension Sunday

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy, forget in time that men have died to win them.
~Franklin D. Roosevelt

PRELUDE *Adagio* John Bennet

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Praise the Lord, all the people!

All: For our Redeemer has been raised on high!

One: Jesus Christ who was crucified and has risen from the dead-

All: Now sits at the right hand of God Almighty.

One: Jesus has called us, claimed us, sends us out to share the good news with all the world as we build God's kingdom here on Earth.

All: Praise be to our God!

*HYMN *Lift High the Cross* GG:826

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 47, pg. 518

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Lord, we are a "what's next?" people. We want to know what we are supposed to do. We journeyed through the Lenten Season, stood at the foot of the Cross, witnessed Jesus' Resurrection and his appearances to his disciples in an upper room and on the lakeshore. Now in this day we are called to wait. That's hard for us to do. We want to jump into some kind of action. Calm our hearts and help us

to wait for the Spirit. Forgive our impatience and our lack of faith. We place our trust in your redeeming love.

(A time of silent confession)

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Jesus commanded the faithful ones to wait for the power from on high. Be patient. God's love is given to you and the power of God will enable you to be witnesses for God in this world. Be of great courage. Be still.

All: We wait on the Lord. We are forgiven our sins and begin again in the freedom Christ offers us. Alleluia, Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new command I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you. The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you!

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Shall We Gather By the River*

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN *This Is My Song* GG: 340

SCRIPTURE: Acts 1:1-11, pg. 118

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "What's Next?" Pastor Abbie Huff

POSTLUDE

Fugue in F Minor

Thomas Sanders Dupuis

*All who are able please stand.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
American Folk Song

arr. Fred Bock

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.**

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

GG: 852

*BENEDICTION