

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE  
ASCENSION SUNDAY  
MOTHER'S DAY**

**May 8, 2016**

**9:00 am**

(\*) Please Stand as Able

**Bold Print - Please Say In Unison**

**WELCOME** -Please sign the Pew Pad & pass it to the next person

**MOTHER'S DAY**      *The Invisible Woman*

**PRELUDE**      *Ask Ye What Great Things I Know*, HERNDON

Arr. Anne Kretz Organ      Nancy Dickinson, Organist/Keyboard

**READING FROM**      Luke 24:44-53

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: What a glorious vision!

**P: Jesus gave the glorious promise of an Advocate!**

L: Then he ascended to God!

**P: What joy there must have been in the hearts of the disciples.**

L: May God find such joy in our hearts and spirits!

**P: Prepare us, Lord, for the mighty works you place before us.**

**AMEN.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Lord of amazing visions, prepare our hearts and our spirits this day to receive your glad tidings of an Advocate. Help make us ready to be your disciples in all that we do, say, and think. For we ask this in the name of our beloved Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN/ PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**HYMN**      "Crown Him with Many Crowns"      UMH #327

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**We have to confess, O Lord, that we are people who want to have everything proven for us. We hear the message in the scripture of Jesus' ascension, and we smile smugly, not truly believing the vision. Forgive us for our arrogant doubts and attitudes of smugness. Help us remember that everything Jesus taught us was to prepare us to help build God's realm here on earth. We are**

**called to be people of faith, not of absolute proof, as we understand it. Let us place our trust in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Let us look with eyes of faith as he ascends to the Father. We pray in his Name, AMEN.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

Although we have not stood on the mountaintop to see his ascension to God, we believe in the love and power of Christ who taught us how to be faithful and joyful disciples. Rejoice, and believe in him who came that we may have abundant life. AMEN.

**HYMN**      "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"      UMH #452

**THE STORY OF THE EARLY CHURCH**      **Acts 1: 1-11**

**MESSAGE**      *Ascended Bodily into Heaven – Really!*

**HYMN**      "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"      UMH #163

**OFFERTORY**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**      *Jesus, Remember Me*, Jacques Berthier

**\*Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow" UMH 95**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

L: Gifted with the grace of God, and clothed with power from on high, we offer ourselves and all we have, to the building of God's kingdom.

**P: Bless these gifts, O Lord of all, that we might worship you with great joy and serve your people with great love. In Christ's name, Amen.**

**\*HYMN**      "He Lives"      UMH #310

**\*BENEDICTION** People of God, receive the blessing of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Go now to live in Christian love and witness to the power of forgiveness in your homes, in your community, even to the ends of the earth, until that day when Christ returns in glory. Amen.

**POSTLUDE**      *Up From the Grave He Arose, CHRIST AROSE*,  
Arr. Wallace, Hornibrook

Please remain seated until the Postlude has ended.

Our Mission is:  
*"To Make Christ Known"*

Our Church serves our community and the world, by realizing and sharing the satisfying and abundant life Christ brings to all people. Our Church is a place where love is present, hurts are healed, joys and concerns are shared and supported by prayer.

**WE WELCOME YOU!**

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We are glad you are here! Please complete the information in our Friendship Book (black folder) located at the end of the pew along the center aisle. Our Worship Services are 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday and 6:00 PM Wednesday Night in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a potluck supper at 5:30 PM.

**CHILD CARE**

Children's Church is celebrated at the 9:00 AM Service. Children from pre-school through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade attend the beginning of Service then leave with Barb Gausman after the Prayers of the People and Time with the Children. Younger and older Children are encouraged to sit in Worship with their family. There are cloth bags in the back of the sanctuary with crayons and activities and also a basket of small toys for your child to use if they remain in the Sanctuary.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Kid's Club, Christian Education for Children, Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, takes place on Wednesday Nights from 6-7 during the school year in Classroom 203. A Pre-school class is also available in the Nursery across the Hall from the Kid's Club Room.

**COFFEE HOUR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following the 9:00 am worship service and prior to the 10:30 am worship service, for coffee and snacks. This is a great time to greet visitors and connect with your church family.

**HOW TO REACH US**

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