

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 16 May 2021

Ascension Sunday

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles, including Christ Candle

Announcements

Greeting**:*Sing praises to God, sing praises!*

Sing praises to our Ruler, sing praises!

For God reigns over the nations;

Sing praises with a psalm! Alleluia! (Psalm 47)

Praise Choruses: 2070 "He Is Exalted"

2088 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Opening Prayer:323 "The Ascension"

Opening Hymn: 154 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 598(*Verse 1*) "O Word of God Incarnate"

First Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

Psalter: 781 Psalm 47

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

Hymn of Preparation: 598 (*Verses 2-4*) "O Word of God Incarnate"

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:44-52

Sermon: "We were there."

Affirmation of Faith: 880 The Nicene Creed

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

The Peace: Let us offer one another signs
of reconciliation and love.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

Invitation: As forgiven and reconciled people,
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Doxology: 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Thanksgiving^:

O Holy One, our altar, our cloud:

In the resurrection of your Son

you have brought us into your temple.

Accept the sacrifices we offer,

and draw us into the fire of your Spirit;

through Christ our Lord. Amen. Alleluia.

(*Ps. 71:22; Ps. 43:4; Ex. 16:10*)

The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn: 304 "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

Closing Prayer^:

O God, the King of glory,

you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ

with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven.

Do not leave us comfortless,

**but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us,
and exalt us to that place
where our Savior Christ has gone before;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

(The Book of Common Prayer, U.S.A., 20th Cent.)

Extinguishing of candles, including Christ Candle, and Postlude

Going Forth

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