

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
10:30 a.m. Sunday 12 May 2024
Ascension Sunday/Mother's Day/Festival
Of the Christian Home/Seventh Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles, including Christ Candle

Announcements *(To help us connect, please sign the attendance pad in your pew)*

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: 2164 "Sanctuary"
2149 "Living for Jesus"

*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

Affirmation of Faith: 880 The Nicene Creed

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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.)

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*Extinguishing of candles, including Christ Candle, and Postlude

*Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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