

Welcome to



21 May 2023

Ascension of Our Lord

May God who gathers us around Himself in the Word and Sacrament to bless us with His forgiveness this morning be your source of comfort, strength and renewal as you worship today. In the Name of Christ, we are all called to come and hear that the Lord is Good!

Prelude – *Preparing our Souls through silence, reading and reflection*

Announcements and Prayer Concerns– *Sharing our life together.*

Congregational Prayer

Invocation and Confession – *Entering into the Presence of the Lord*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
(Matthew 28:19) **C: Amen**

P: Make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for whom we wait. (Psalm 25:4-5) **C: Amen**

P: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:6-7)

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

C: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen (Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12)

P: Let it be known to you, that through Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. (1 John 1:6-7) He commanded us to preach and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:42-43) **C: Amen**

Announcements and Schedule

Studies this Week:

Wednesday -10:30am - Bible Study (1517 Thomas Jefferson)

7:00pm – Women’s Group – 160 Buxton DR

7:00pm – Men's Group – 160 Buxton Dr

Thursday – 7:00pm– Bible Study– 19 George St

We have prayer cards for you to mail to anyone you lifted up at the Altar during Communion. Feel free to bless others with these.

Tosay is Ascension Sunday. The Ascension is when Christ left this earth and ascended to the Right Hand of God as the Exalted King. While on earth, He was a servant. Now in heaven, He is the ruler and Lord of all. By entering heaven as the representative of mankind, He completed the work of our salvation and guaranteed the eventual glorification of all who believe in Him.

Next Sunday is Pentecost where we celebrate the Holy Spirit coming upon the Church for permanently.

In May we are collecting Personal Care Items (toothbrush, bar of soap, comb, washcloth, Wet Wipes, etc.) for the Christmas Shoe Boxes. There will be a tote in the Earthen for boys and one for girls. Let’s fill these up each month so we can see how many boxes we can fill this coming November.

We also are collecting small travel size shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc. This is to make packets for the homeless. Please place in the box in the Narthex labeled “Clothing Connection.”

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Call to Worship – Psalm 47

*Hymn # 133 “Shout to the Lord”

First Lesson – Acts 1.1-11

Call to Prayer # 6 “How Great Thou Art”

Pastoral Prayer (followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison)

Second Lesson – Ephesians 1.15-23

Offertory

(Please place your offering in one of the plates)

*Doxology – #668

*Gospel – Luke 24.44-53 **“Praise be to thee, O Christ”**

Sermon – “True Royalty”

*The Apostles’ Creed

Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Unending Hymn:

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.

The Mystery of Faith:

Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ will come again.

Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ

*Hymn # 658 “Lead On, O King Eternal”

*Benediction

*Dismissal and Recessional

Prayer List

Tom Langford, Bill Warman, Carolyn Ashwell, Glen Harvey, Liz Griffin, Larry Shepley, Diane Geiger, Gail Everett, Betty Mann, Katie Epley, Yvette Clark, Darby Atkins, Mike Toney, Jean Moriety, Heather Wright, Jimmy Gratto, Fred Greene, Starke Camden, Robert Wright, Cyndy Williams, Nikki Vogt, Wayne Williams, Jim and Sue Henry, Gwen Miller, Chip Brand, Helen Kinzer, Bea Gardner & those persecuted around the world.

Let us pray for all our elected Officials and our Country.

The people of Ukraine and Moldova, esp. Dimitri, Stella Lorina,

The people of Turkey and Syria

The people in East Palestine, Ohio and those hit by tornadoes.

Elgene Van Horn, Gail’s mom, fell with multiple fractures

Werner Van Cladurp

Jennifer Mahanes

Abigail Englund

David Baker, cousin of Judy Kinzer, needs a kidney.

Larry Gilly, friend of Dave and Yvette’s

Anise Maddox, mom of a friend of Web’s, with cancer

Leslie Hair, intestinal issues

Bob Forrest, back issues

Yvette Clark’s great grandson, Camden

Emmielou Yoder, Carey’s niece

Mary Kessler, friend of the Dietrich’s

Betty Lou Hall, Gail’s aunt, aging issues

Michael & Danielle Dorrsett’s baby Paisley

Margaret Kihnley, sister of Sue Rossiter

Jan Grey

Chris Griffin, Web’s mom, general health issues

Lisa Reynolds, Requested by the Harveys

Cayden Slayton, 11 yo, difficulties with COVID from last year

Dick Kihnley, Sue Rossiter’s brother in law, cardiac concerns

Justice Ashwell, Carolyn’s grandson

Laura Cash, friend of Web’s

Louanna Epley, lost her husband; Katie’s sister in law

Sherry Marsh, starting dialysis, and her family

Debbie Reeves, cancer

Kevin Thomas Mele, on dialysis

Nancy Turner, treatment for cancer, friend of Martha’s

Bob and Vivienne, friends of the Dietrich’s, health issues of Bob

Elwood Hutchins and his wife, with dementia, friends of Martha

Melody Henry, Mona’s sister a nurse and all health care givers

Betty Shepherd, friend of Martha Mahanes