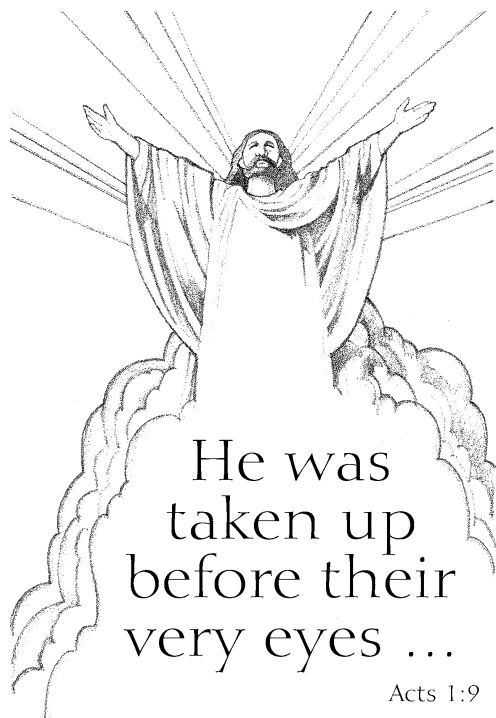


2021

"Our Hope is in the Lord, for HE who promised is Faithful"



WELCOME TO WORSHIP
ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
SUNDAY

Please tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to Worship with us today!

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23

Call Statement:

"My call is to share my Faith in Christ"

Mission Statement:

"To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior."

PRELUDE

Beth Helwagen

WELCOME AND PRAYER

ASCENSION LITANY Psalm 47

Leader: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

All: For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.

Leader: He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet.

All: He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom He loved.

Leader: God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

All: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

Leader: For God is the King of all the earth; sing to Him a psalm of praise.

All: God reigns over the nations; God is seated on His holy throne.

Leader: The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham,

All: For the kings of the earth belong to God; He is greatly exalted.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you. (Wave and/or Honk to each other)

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

Verse 1

**Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

Verse 2

**Our Savior Jesus reigns, The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

Verse 3

**His Kingdom cannot fail; He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

Verse 4

**He sits at God's right hand Till all His foes submit
And bow to His command And fall beneath His feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: O King of Glory,

All: **the Lord almighty, on this day You ascended above all the heavens in triumph. Do not leave us as orphans, but send us the Spirit of truth Whom You promised from the Father. Alleluia. Amen.**

LESSON

Acts 1:1 - 11

GOSPEL

Luke 24:44 - 53

Taken Up to Heaven

HYMN

LBW #158

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Verse 1

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood;
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood"**

Verse 2

**Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise: "I am with You evermore"?**

Verse 3

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea**

Verse 4

**Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary, Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.
As within the veil You entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
Here on earth both Priest and victim In the Eucharistic Feast.**

Verse 5

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood;
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood"**

APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.

On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer..

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .)* Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: . . . Into your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: **Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

HYMN

LBW #354

Eternal God, before Your Throne

Verse 1

**Eternal God, before Your throne we bend,
Your grace to seek, Your holy Name to bless;
Our grateful hearts in humble praise ascend
To You whose ways are truth and righteousness.
With all the host of heaven we adore
Your matchless holy love forevermore!**

Verse 2

**Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend,
Whom angels praise before the throne on high;
How vast Your love, to love us to the end
And on the cruel cross to bleed and die!
O blest Redeemer, hear Your children pray;
O Lamb of God, take all our sins away!**

Verse 3

**O Holy Spirit, truth and peace divine,
Descend to us in all Your saving pow'r,
And kindle flames of love and faith to shine
With-in our yearning hearts this sacred hour!
Make plain the Father's will, the Savior's love,
And fit us all to dwell with You above.**

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Share your Faith in Christ!
Tell another about Jesus this week!



Next Sunday May 23, 2021

Day of Pentecost Sunday

We will Celebrate with Holy Communion the
Outpouring of the HOLY SPIRIT, the First
Preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and the
establishment of the CHURCH.

Remember to wear the color RED.

NEXT SUNDAY May 23, 2021

Day of Pentecost Sunday

(wear the color red to help celebrate the day)

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 139:1-12 (13-16) Acts 2:1-2

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

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Blessings in a Bottle

On Sunday, May 9th, the Women in Service (WinS) Group of FIC will once again have colorful baby bottles for you to pick up, take home, fill with money and return them to the church the end of June. These months contain the special days of both Mother's Day and Father's Day so are very appropriate for this special fundraiser to benefit our youngest angels. ***All funds collected will go to benefit women and children in need in Clark county.***

From May 9th and concluding June 30th