

Acts 1: 1-11

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Luke 24:44-53

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

The Ascension of Jesus

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

WELCOME TO ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH

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ACTS 1:9
JESUS
ASCENDED
BEFORE
THEIR
EYES



HAPPY
Mother's
DAY



*Good morning and
welcome to
Zion's Reformed
Church!*

The Altar Flowers are placed in memory of our parents OD and Dorotha Anderson, by their children.

Ushering today are Alex Brown, Gianna Tofani, Sherry Winner and Pat Seiple.

The children are invited to the Youth Center after the Children's Sermon for an activity.

Everyone is invited to the Anderson Lounge after the service for coffee and conversation.

Large Print Bulletins and seat cushions are available in the back of the sanctuary. Coloring books and crayons are available for children.

ASCENSION

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 There for him high tri - umph waits, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 See! the heaven its Lord re - ceives, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 See! he lifts his hands a - bove! Al - le - lu - ia!

to his throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates, Al - le - lu - ia!
yet he loves the earth he leaves, Al - le - lu - ia!
See, he shows the prints of love! Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners given, Al - le - lu - ia!
he has con - quered death and sin. Al - le - lu - ia!
though re - turn - ing to his throne, Al - le - lu - ia!
Hark! His gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven. Al - le - lu - ia!
Take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
still he calls the world his own. Al - le - lu - ia!
bless - ings on his church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
MUSIC: Robert Williams (1781-1821); arr. John Roberts (1822-1877)

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Let's Just Praise the Lord

The Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song . . .

— Isaiah 12:2

Gloria Gaither
William J. Gaither

LET'S JUST PRAISE THE LORD
William J. Gaither

Let's just praise the Lord! Praise the

Lord! Let's just lift our hearts* to heav - en and praise the

Lord; Let's just praise the Lord! Praise the

Lord! Let's just lift our hearts* to heav - en and praise the Lord!

Fine

*Alternate lyrics, "voices", "hands".

ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. Steve Craft

Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries

*Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able.

May 12, 2024 10:30 a.m.

*Where the past and the future with Jesus Christ are
celebrated so the present can be lived abundantly.*

ASCENSION SUNDAY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

George Donner, Lector

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Leader: And now may we prepare our hearts and minds for
worship as we are gathered in the name of God the
Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE ENTRANCE OF LIGHT

Emilee Deeter, Acolyte

~Please use prelude time for thought, reflection and prayer~

PRELUDE

"Arabisque in F"

Gerald Peterson

*GATHERING SONG "Let's Just Praise the Lord" (bulletin page 6)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May the Lord give strength to His people.

People: May the Lord bless His people with peace.

Leader: Our souls will praise you Lord, and not be silent.

People: O Lord, My God, I will give thanks to you forever.

*OPENING HYMN "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise"
(bulletin page 7)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we confess that we have sinned against you. We are sorry for our disobedience and rebellion. Lord, we ask for your forgiveness. Cleanse us with your blood and make us new. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may obey you and serve you all the days of our lives. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

~before you sit down, please greet someone near you~

CHILDREN'S CHOIR "There Is a Man Whom We All Love"
Arr. by Lori Seinar-Roknick

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC "Girls" Platten, Algaisi, Miller, Kabir
Piano and Vocals, Lori Seinar-Roknick

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER RESPONSE

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God; fall afresh on me.**

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SERMON "The Ascension of the Lord"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation
Offertory Music "Invocation" Henry Kihlken
*Doxology No. 780
*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 282 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE - CHILDREN'S CHOIR
"Jesus Loves Me" William B. Bradbury/Anna B. Warner
Emilee Deeter, Sign Language

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You"