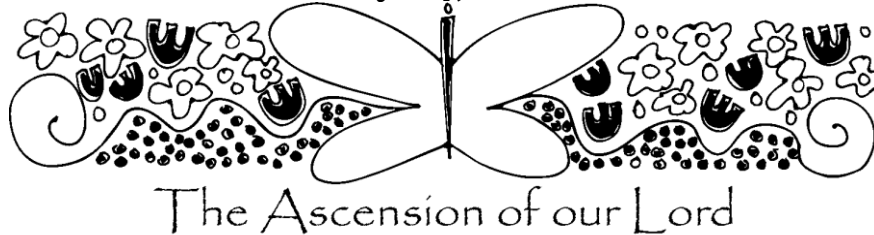


# Faith United Methodist Church

May 24, 2020



The Ascension of our Lord

Alleluia. Christ is Risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Hymn

*How Firm a Foundation*

#529

*"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?"*

*"When through deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."*

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we, who celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection, may, by the renewing of your Spirit arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Epistle Reading

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon

you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

Psalm 47

**R – *Earth and heaven repeat the cry, “Glory be to God on high.”***

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!  
**For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, A great ruler over all the earth.**  
Who subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet,  
**Who chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom God loves. R**

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.  
**Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our Ruler, sing praises!**  
For God is the Ruler of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!  
**God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**  
The princes of the people gather as the people of the God of Abraham.  
**For the shields of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted! R**

Hymn

*I Am Thine, O Lord*  
*I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,*  
*and it told thy love to me;*  
*but I long to rise in the arms of faith*  
*and be closer drawn to thee.*

#419

***Refrain:*** *Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,*  
*to the cross where thou hast died.*  
*Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,*  
*to thy precious, bleeding side.*

*Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,*  
*by the power of grace divine;*  
*let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,*  
*and my will be lost in thine.*

***Refrain***

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the

Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Leader: The Word of God, for the People of God

**Response: Thanks Be to God. Amen.**

**Gospel Response:** *Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

Children's Time

Special Music

*I Surrender All*

Prayer: Speak to us, Risen Christ, along this road: **explain the Scriptures, break open the bread of life, and set our hearts on fire with your love. Amen.**

Witness

*Into the Unknown: Forgiveness*

Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

Gloria Patri

*Gloria be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with-out end. A-men. A-men.*

**Song of Prayer:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia give praise to his name.*

## Prayers of the People

For our unity and the unity of your whole church in your mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world? Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

With leaders at every level of our common life— villages, towns, states, nations, corporations, and international associations—that there may be peace and justice for all people. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For the earth, that we may be and inspire others to be good stewards of all of the gifts of your creation. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

With all who need your healing and deliverance, from physical or mental illness, isolation, deprivation, violence, and any form of oppression. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We gather all these prayers into the prayer your Son taught to us, **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. Amen.**

## Confession & Pardon

God of grace and glory, we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith.

Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow where you lead, that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen.

[Silent Prayer]

Hear the Good News. Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. That proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.**

Peace of Christ **“May the peace of Christ be with you.”**

**Song of Offerings: Do Lord, oh do, Lord, oh do you remember me; do, Lord, oh Lord, oh do you, remember me; do Lord, oh do, Lord, oh do you, remember me, way beyond the blue.**

## Collecting of Tithes & Offering

*Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Hymn

*He Touched Me*  
*Shackled by a heavy burden*  
*'Neath a load of guilt and shame*  
*Then the hand of Jesus touched me*  
*And now I am no longer the same*

#367

**Refrain:** *He touched, oh, he touched me*  
*And oh the joy that floods my soul!*  
*Something happened, and now I know*  
*He touched me, and made me whole*

*Since I've met this blessed savior*  
*Since he's cleansed and made me whole*  
*I'll never cease to praise him*  
*I'll shout it while eternity rolls*

**Refrain**

Benediction

Benediction Response

*Lift High the Cross*

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.*

## Prayer List

Margaret Arceneaux  
Paul Arceneaux, Jr.  
Sidney Arceneaux  
Kim Craigen Ard  
Lucian Adams  
Dolores Anderson  
Johnny & Ovelia Battaglio  
Shirley Battaglio  
Linda Bergen  
Robert & Alicia Besser  
Lloyd Betar  
Mary Bevil  
Bonnie Blankenship  
Donna Suppa Bolton  
Jo Bordeaux  
Pat Borel  
Glenda Brooks  
Mary Callahan  
Ann Campbell  
Norma Campbell  
Robert & Roxie Castilaw  
Tana Champeau  
Rebecca Chance  
Billie Cherry  
Communities of Onalaska & Jasper  
Kim Wilber Conn  
Derick Cooper  
Kyle & Beth Craigen  
Dakota Crutchfield

Jimmy & Emily Davis  
Bobbye Dean  
Mary Delafosse  
Tammy Dufour  
Lane Duhe  
Julie Duplichan  
Joe Floyd  
*Family of Vance Gerald*  
Lorene Green  
Rachel Grimmatt  
MaryJo Hebert  
Christie Hale  
Edna & Raymond Jones  
Alice Kethley  
Shirley Kethley  
Kristie Key  
Clyde Landry  
*Family of Rose Latta*  
Gail Lauve  
Christi Leblanc  
Fred Ledesma  
Alice & Louis Loftin  
Orianna Marchand  
Matt Markos  
Barbara Martin  
Lloyd Martin  
Linda Meyers  
Maribeth Moore  
Ron & Michelle Mueller

Joyce Murphy  
Arnold Northcut  
Kelly Simmons Owens  
Jim Padgett  
John & Candance Perkins  
Melva Phillips  
Harlan Phipps  
Mercedes Pierson  
John Pool  
Kenny Puckett  
Buddy Renkema  
Nikki Castilaw Rice  
Edward Rivet  
Randy & Darlene Rivett  
Ezekiel Romero  
Joann Savelle  
Jim & Loretta Shearer  
Brooke Simon  
Harriet Simpson  
James Sowell  
Kim Streed  
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We are called to be:

**Transformed** by God's love, Christ's sacrifice and the Spirit's work in our lives.

**Engaged** with all of God's children from the small to the tall, the near and the far.

**Celebrate**, worship & praise God as we care for each other.

**Share** the Good News of God's love in our thoughts, words and deeds.

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