

Service for the Lord's Day

Ascension of the Lord

June 1, 2014

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

"Listen to yourself and in that quietude you might hear the voice of God." – Maya Angelou

Gathering

PRELUDE #273

"He is King of Kings"

African American Spiritual

June Hymn of the Month

WELCOME

Carol Scoggins

*INTROIT #265

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" (v. 1 & 5)

Watts, 1719

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Are you awake? Are you alive? Are you God's people? Then let's praise the Lord!

Let's praise God everywhere, for everything that is.

We join with all creation in our song of praise. Old people, young people, famous people and humble people,

Loud people and quiet people, baby people, middle age people.

Let all those who love God say Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Praise to God!

*HYMN #263

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

Holden, 1793

CALL TO CONFESSION

We show others who we are by the lives we lead, the words we speak, and the actions we take. Let us confess, before God and one another, how we have not been God's children, when we fail to love as we have been loved. Let us pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Who are we to get in your way, Holy God? We put people into neat, little boxes, but you tear them open, so your chosen people can dance in your joy. We imprison others with our unmet expectations, and you set them free with a Word. We build walls around those we don't know, and you demolish those walls, so people can run wild in your kingdom. Who are we to get in your way, Mysterious and Wonderful God, especially in the way of your

forgiveness offered to all? Give us your vision that sees everyone - forgiven, graced, loved - even as we seek to follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*"Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We know who God is by the love shown to us in Christ Jesus. And by the grace of Christ, we are forgiven.

We will show others who we are, and Whose we are, by the loved poured out through our lives. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory 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 without end. Amen. Amen.

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Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Acts 1: 1-11

Bibles, p.110 / LG. p. 143

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #508

"Come to the Table"

Huh, 2007

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Mark 16: 9-20

Bibles, p.51/ LG. p.67

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"It Ain't Over Yet"

Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting." This we believe. Amen.

-The Apostle's Creed (Traditional)

