



“As they were watching, he was lifted up,
and a cloud took him out of their sight.”
Acts 1:9

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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Ascension Sunday

PRELUDE

Althea Waites

CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 47

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples; shout to God with songs of joy!

People: For the Lord our God is awesome – a great ruler over all the earth.

Leader: With a shout of triumph the Lord goes up – to the sound of joyful trumpets.

People: The Lord reigns over all the earth! Sing praises to our God, sing praises!

Leader: The leaders of the nations gather with the people of the God of Abraham.

People: All power and might belong to God; sing praises to our God, sing praises!

HYMN

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Charles Dickerson

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longing as nothing else can do.**

**(Refrain) I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story, that I have loved so long.**

(Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: O God of life, we know that your grace is wider and your love runs deeper than we can possibly imagine. You come to us in mystery and wonder. We cannot comprehend your ways. Yet you ask us to trust you, even when the path before us is uncertain. Forgive us for holding back, for clinging to the familiar, when Christ invites us to new directions. Lead us in your grace and peace always. In his name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Debra Shrader

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Jonathan Chute

ANTHEM *“You’ll Never Walk Alone”* – Rogers and Hammerstein Jessie Tisdale

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION April Herron

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 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.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

Althea Waites

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.**

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:1-11

Jesus' last words to the disciples

Debra Shrader

SERMON

“Partially Sighted”

Jonathan Chute

HYMN

“Christ Is Alive”

Charles Dickerson

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound,
To distant years in Palestine,
He comes to claim the here and now
And dwell in every place and time.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and all creation ring
With joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE

“Gospel Train”

3rd service ensemble

Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus
Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director
Annette Matsuda, Parish Nurse
Megan Pelc, Kid Zone/Mid Zone Director
Debra DeLuca, Children’s Ministry Director
Kristin Reksc, Youth Ministry Director

Rev. Dr. April Herron, Associate Pastor
Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director
Althea Waites, Organist
Paula Kuno, 3rd Service Music
John Fitzgerald, Treasurer
Nicole Lowery Zakman, Church Business Mgr.
Roksolana Vecerek, Exec. Asst. to Pastor
Peggy Roulette, Church Office Admin.
Miguel Portillo, Custodian