

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S LOVE

GREETING (EPHESIANS 4:7-12)

Lyn Palmer

Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

✦CALL TO WORSHIP (BASED ON PSALM 47:1-2, 5-6)

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

People: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

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

✦SONGS OF PRAISE

HYMN # 317 - CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS
LORD MOST HIGH, by Harris and Sadler

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

"May the peace of Christ be with you....And, also with you"

At this time, the congregation may greet each other and exchange signs of peace.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE

SCRIPTURE READING

EPHESIANS 1:15-23

Lou Churchill, reader

Leader: Blessed are those who hear and keep what is written, in the light of Jesus, the Word made flesh.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children are invited to come to the front for the Children's Message. Afterwards, preschool and elementary-aged children may go to Children's Chapel.

(As the children come forward for the Children's message, ushers will collect any written prayer requests. Forms are located in the pew pockets near the center aisle. Please raise your hand to let the ushers know to collect your prayer request.)

✦SONG OF FAITH

HYMN # 320 - ALLELUIA, SING TO JESUS!

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 24:50-53

SERMON

"LIFTING UP WITH A BLESSING"

Brad Busiek, pastor

WE EMBRACE GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING

COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING, w/m by Getty and Townend

In response to God's love, we are invited during this moment to reflect on how we might give thanks to God through the sharing of our time, talents, and treasures. (During this time, offering plates will be passed down the pews. There is no obligation to give. You may also place a blue connect card in the offering plate to indicate your presence or desire to connect.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, 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

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE IN THE WORLD

✦CHARGE AND BLESSING (ISAIAH 55:12)

✦GRATEFUL RESPONSE

HYMN # 710 - THE TREES OF THE FIELD

✦POSTLUDE

✦Those who are able, are invited to stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A warm welcome to all our guests. We are glad that you have joined us for worship today! We hope that you feel welcomed and loved. If you are looking for a church home, then we invite you to join us in the mission and ministry at Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church. Coffee and treats will be served after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall and we hope you will share the food and fellowship.

Children's Chapel/Sunday School - Halfway through the worship service, children (pre-K to 5th grade) are invited to come forward for a special children's message. Afterwards, they are invited to attend Children's Chapel downstairs in the Christian Education wing. Trusted teachers will escort the children to the classroom and parents/guardians may pick up their children downstairs after the worship service.

Youth Drop in Time - Sundays from 11:15 AM to 12:00 PM we invite students to grab some refreshments in the fellowship hall after worship and then head to the youth room to play pop-a-shot basketball or just hang out and catch up with whatever is going on in life.

Blood Drive Report - Thank you to all who donated blood last Tuesday, May 16. If you would like to give at our next drive, we host a blood drive on the 3rd Tuesday of odd numbered months - 7/18, 9/19, and 11/21.

The SMPC Scholarship Fund exists to encourage further education among the youth of the church. Applications for educational assistance are now being taken, and are available in the church mailbox marked "SMPC Scholarship Fund" (in the hallway by the office). Applications are due by May 31, 2023.

Church Softball this Summer - Talk to Pastor Brad if you are interested - bradbusiek@yahoo.com or 503-539-3277. We need at least 12 players (at least 9 men and at least 3 women.) Players must be 16 or older.

Photos Needed for our, secured online directory. Email a photo to smithmemorial@gmail.com or find Janet Emch or Jon Bachelder to take your picture if you would like it to be included.

Upcoming Activities and Events

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Gentle Exercise 10:30-11:30 am Fellowship Hall Linda Murphy 971-998-7917	Bible Study 10:10-11:30 am <i>Growing Older and Wiser</i> Fellowship Hall Lyn Palmer 503-754-4880	Gentle Exercise 10:30-11:30 am Fellowship Hall Linda Murphy 971-998-7917	Food Pantry Prep 10:00 am-12:00 Julie Weindel eastcountypf@gmail.com	Food Pantry 9:30 am-12:30 Julie Weindel eastcountypf@gmail.com
	Sewing Group 10:00 am-3:00 Upper Room Gayle Burke 503-663-6758	Bible Study 7:00-8:00 pm <i>He Chose the Nails</i> Brenda Haran 503-317-8251 bharan67@gmail.com		Community Choir 2 nd /4 th Sat. 1:00-2:00 pm Michael Day director60@outlook.com
		Knitting and Crocheting 2 nd /4 th Thurs. 7:00-9:00 pm Youth Room Joyce Botsch 503-473-3889 joyce-botsch@comcast.net		Outriggers 3rd Sat. 3:00 pm Fellowship Hall Barb Lintner (503) 847-1960 barblintner@gmail.com

Next Week's (5/28) Sunday Servants:

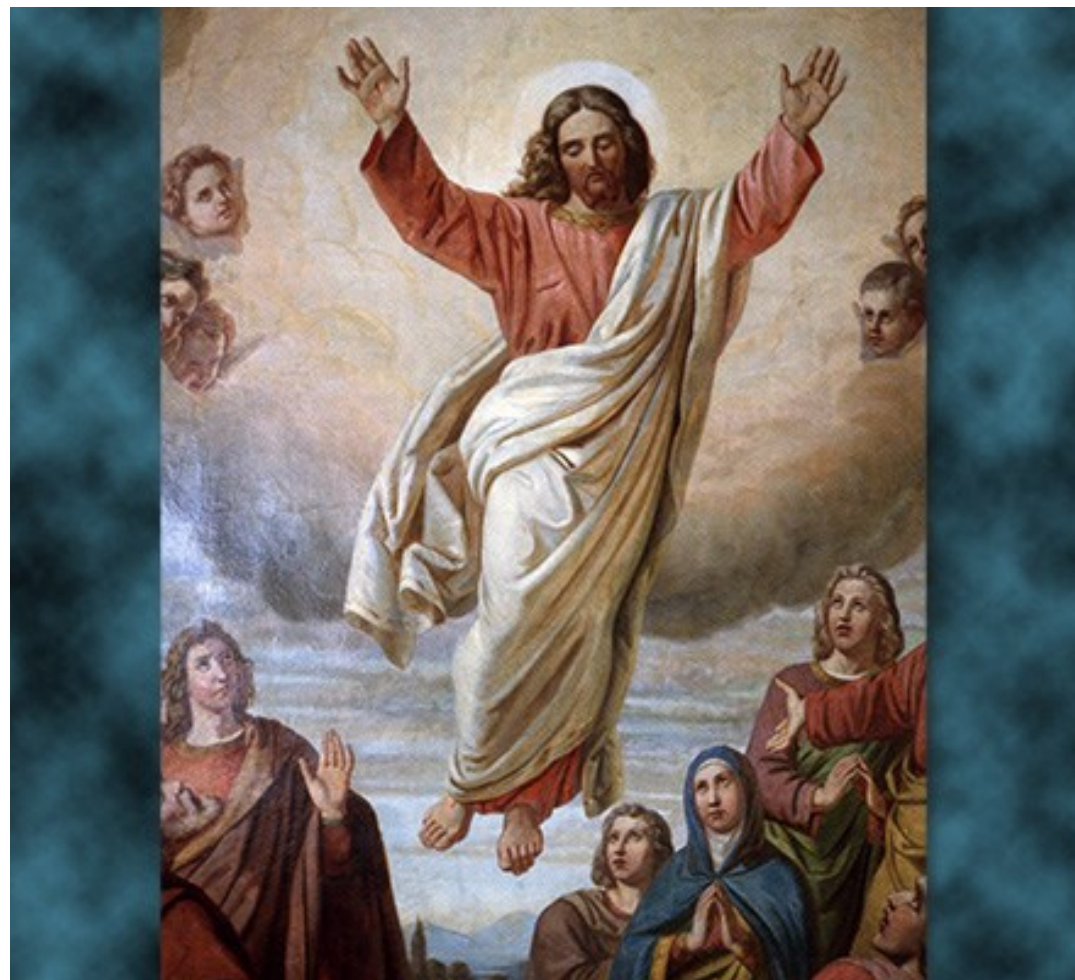
Greeters: Trish Weatherbee and Pam Wetmore
Ushers: Melody Waterlander and Bonnie Lind
Children's Chapel: Phoebe and Amy Busiek

Special Helper: Carla Jones
Scripture Reader: Gary Grimes
Refreshments: Session

If you cannot serve where you are assigned, please try to switch with someone else and notify the office. If you would like to volunteer, please place a completed blue Connect Card in the offering plate. Thank you.

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WELCOME TO SMITH MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Ascension, from St. Peter and Paul Church in Mauren, Liechtenstein

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