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Traditional Worship
11:00AM

May 12, 2024



Ascension Sunday

Today's Message:
Stuck on the Steps

Today's Scripture:
Acts 1:1-12

PASTORAL TEAM:

REV. DR. DANA WERTS, LEAD PASTOR

REV. KATHY ALTMAN, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

PASTOR JENNIFER MAURAS-RIVERA, PASTOR OF SHALOM HISPANIC MINISTRY

Welcome, We Are Glad That You're Here!

*** Stand as you are able**

Prelude "Aria in E-flat"
(Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954)

Welcome and Connection Points

Introit "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"
(Helen H. Lemel)

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Risen with Christ, let us seek the realities of the Spirit.

People: Our life is hidden with Christ in God.

Leader: He who descended is also ascended far above the heavens, that he might fulfill all things.

**People: When Christ, our Life, appears, we shall appear with him in glory!
Alleluia!**

*** Hymn #154 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"**

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above the heavens, that he might fulfill all things. Give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Pastor Dana

Anthem "Go Out in Joy"
(Eugene Butler)

Pastoral Prayer and **Lord's Prayer**

(Anyone wishing to come forward to kneel is welcome to.)

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 Invitation

Offertory "The Power of Your Love"
(Geoff Bullock, arr. Carol Tornquist)

* **Doxology Hymn #95 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

* Offering Prayer

* **Hymn #176 "Majesty, Worship His Majesty"**

Scripture Acts 1:1-12 NIV Kathy Mitchell

Message "Stuck on the Steps" Pastor Kathy

* **Hymn #312 "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"**

* Blessing

* **Closing Response #672 "God Be with You till We Meet Again"**

*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 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"
(Todd Kendall TUNE: SICILIAN MARINERS, trad. Sicilian melody)

Our worship service has ended. Our service of worship begins.

*The LOVE banners were designed and created in 2008 by Lois MacGillivray, with the help of several women in the church. The smaller banners, which hang between the sanctuary windows, had a two-fold purpose; to remind us of what love looks like as found in **1 Corinthians 13**, and to bring an abundance of color into the sanctuary. The hope was that people might read the passage on the banner closest to where they sat and consider how that quality of love manifests itself in their lives that day or that week . . . or not.*

*The smaller banners led to larger banners on the chancel walls, which state the greatest commandments as love simplified to the finest and most basic way we are to relate to God and others, **love God with all your being, and love others as you love yourself.***

This whole set of banners is usually hung in the summer months. The smaller banners are sometimes hung at funerals as their words on love exemplify the character being honored.

Scripture:

Acts 1:1-12 NIV

Jesus Taken Up Into Heaven

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."

Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city.



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