

Order of Worship

May 21, 2023

Ascension Sunday

Prelude: "There is a Higher Throne"  
arr. Peggy Bettcher Rolling Tones

Introit: "O Christ, When You Ascended" Chancel Chorus

Call to worship:

L We gather as a covenant people for worship, praise and prayer.

**P. We gather because Christ is with us, he gives us his peace.**

L. Christ replaces our doubts with faith and our fears with hope.

**P. He opens our minds to understand the scripture.**

L. We gather to worship so that we may be sent.

**P. We go with joy, to be God's people.**

Opening Hymn: "We Gather Together" #131

Congregational Prayer: unison

**Holy God, one of Jesus' final acts before he ascended was to open the minds of his followers so they might understand the Scriptures. We desire to understand your Word. We want to know the meaning of your life and death. We ask for wisdom and understanding as this sacred text is read and proclaimed. Speak to us the message of life and hope and faith. Instruct us in the way you would have us go. Amen.**

Silent Prayer/Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Children's Time: Carole Ann Robertson

Special Music: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"  
arr. Cathy Moglebust Rolling Tones

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:44-53 Nik Bradley

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

Message: "Up, Up and Away" Rev. Mark Dumas

Offering: "He Is Exalted" arr. Peggy Bettcher Rolling Tones

Closing Hymn: "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" #584

Benediction: "One Day, O Lord, We'll Know You" Chancel Chorus

Postlude: Mary Kate Barnes