

**Order of Worship:  
May 24, 2020  
(Memorial Day Weekend)**

**PRELUDE**

Music by Judy Brist

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING CHORUS**

*Take, O take me as I am.*

*Summon out what I shall be.*

*Set your seal upon my heart,  
and live in me.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

**All: We ascribe you all power and majesty, O God, and sing you our praises.**

One: Awesome is God in the sanctuary, the same God of Israel who gives power and strength to the people.

**All: We ascribe you all power and majesty, O God, and sing you our praises.**

One: Let us worship God!

**HYMN**

**“Crown Him with Many Crowns” #151**

**Verse 1**

**Crown Him with many crowns, The lamb upon His throne;  
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.**

**Verse 2**

**Crown Him the Lord of love; Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye At mysteries so bright.**

### Verse 3

**Crown Him the Lord of peace; Whose power a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Absorbed in prayer and praise:  
His reign shall now no end; And round His pierced feet  
Fair flowers of Paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet.**

### Verse 4

**Crown Him the Lord of years, The Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou has died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail Throughout eternity.**

### CALL TO CONFESSION

We sing praises to you, O God; we raise a psalm in your honor. You clothe us in all goodness; we are draped in accordance with your design. As you have sent Jesus Christ to make your will known, you promise your Holy Spirit to guide us along your path. As your holiness fills our halls, hear us as we worship your name.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: We live in fear, O God. Fear that we, as peoples of this earth, are disconnected from one another, and from you. We are deeply aware that people of different nations and different faith communities live as though we are to be enemies. We recognize that, while we are an inherent part of your creation, we often see ourselves as distant from it, not caring what happens to the world around us. And we are afraid of the consequences if we dare to make a difference, if we dare to speak out for others, if we dare to challenge the forces of evil around us. Forgive us, loving Creator. Help us to find our place – your place – in our world. We pray with all our relations, Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may be glad when Christ's glory is revealed.

**All: To God be the dominion forever and ever.**

One: Humble yourselves under God's mighty hand, that in due time God may exalt you.

**All: To God be the dominion forever and ever.**

One: Cast all your anxieties on God, for God cares about you.

**All: To God be the dominion forever and ever.**

One: Be sober, be watchful. Your enemy the devil prowls around seeking someone to devour.

**All: To God be the dominion forever and ever.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

May our faithful discipleship ease our troubled hearts and perpetuate the love of the One in whose name we pray, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to say when we pray...

## **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

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

### **Acts 1:6-14**

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." 12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. 13 When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14 All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

## **THE GOSPEL READING**

### **John 17:1-11**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all people, [a] to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. 5 So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 6 "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

**SERMON     "He Was With Us and Then He Went Up To Heaven"**  
**Rev. Rich Estrem-Fuller**

## **CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**

### **COMMISSION**

Go in peace and serve the lord. Amen.