

# Olympia First Baptist • Ascension Sunday • May 24, 2020

## GATHERING

### Prelude

Nick Carlson

### Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Mark Rambo

*2-Minute Meet & Greet*

### Call to Worship

Leader: We worship the God who inhabits our world and dwells in our lives.

**People: We need not look up to find God; we need only to look around: within ourselves, beyond ourselves and into the eyes of another.**

Leader: We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God; we need only to listen to:

**People: The music of life; the words of children; the questions of the curious; the rhythm of a heartbeat.**

**Unison: We worship the God who inhabits our world and dwells in our lives.**

### Hymn

*Come, Christians Join to Sing*

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Come, Christians, join to sing, Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!  
Loud praise to Christ our King! Al-le-lu-ia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before God's throne rejoice;  
Praise is God's gracious choice, Al-le-lu-ia! Amen!  
Come, lift your hearts on high, Al-le-lu-ia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Al-le-lu-ia! Amen!  
Christ is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll condescend;  
Christ's love shall never end; Al-le-lu-ia! Amen!  
Praise yet our Christ again, Al-le-lu-ia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Al-le-lu-ia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore, God's goodness we'll adore,  
Singing for evermore, Al-le-lu-ia! Amen!

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**Invocation**

*Great and loving God, we who come to worship are also persons who sometimes feel that you have abandoned us or left us to fend for ourselves. Although we rely upon your ever-presence, we suspect your absence. Encourage us, O God, when we doubt your promise to be with us always.*

*In our worship, grant us the gifts of discernment and hope. Enable us to recognize your workings in the commonplace and the everyday. Open us to faith and help us to perceive not only what is, but also what, by your grace, might be.*

*We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**Storytime**

Mission in Art

Rev. Mylinda Baits

**The Written Word**

John 17: 1-11

The Message

**Solo**

*Simple Song*

Darrell Born

Sing God a simple song; Lauda, Laudē ;Make it up as you go along; Lauda, Laude  
Sing like you like to sing, God loves all simple things; For God is the simplest of all.

I will sing the Lord a new song; To praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord.

I will sing His praises while I live, All of my days.

Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, Blessed is the man who praises Him.

Lauda, Lauda, Laudē; And walks in His ways.

I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help

I will lift up my voice to the Lord, Singing Lauda, Laudē.

For the Lord is my shade, Is the shade upon my right hand

And the sun shall not smite me by day, Nor the moon by night

Blessed is the man who loves the Lord; Lauda, Lauda, Laudē

And walks in His ways.

Lauda, Lauda, Laudē; Lauda, Lauda di da di day; All of my days.

**Prayers of the People, Part 1**

Pastor Dave Roberts

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**The Written Word**

Acts 1: 6–14

**The Spoken Word**

Abandoned, Part 2

Pastor Mark Rambo

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**Prayers of the People, Part 2**

Words by Kat Stoker

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

**Hymn**

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

The Church/Darrell Born

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me, my Master & my friend:  
I shall not fear a battle if Thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if Thou will be my guide  
O let me feel Thee near me, the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear:  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
but Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.  
O Jesus, Thou hast promised, to all who follow Thee,  
that where Thou art in glory, there shall Thy servant be.  
And Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

**Invitation for the Week**

**Postlude**

Nick Carlson

**Benediction**

*Walk Humbly – Love Completely – Live Differently*