

Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

MAY 16, 2021

Ascension of the Lord Sunday

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship.

Quote for Meditation: *“Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”* - 1 John 5:3-5

GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Deacon Al Kopacka, Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Scrivens

PRELUDE:

“God Leads Us Along” by George A. Young; arr. by Greg Howlett

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of majesty,
you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life,
and took him up to the glory of heaven.

**All: *Clothe us with the power
promised from on high,
and send us forth to the ends of the earth
as heralds of repentance
and witnesses of Jesus Christ, firstborn from the dead,
Amen.***

Opening Hymn: #265

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

Cantor Matt Petrozelli

Jesus shall reign where’er the sun does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Deacon Al Kopacka, Jr.

***Almighty God,
you have raised Jesus from death to life,
and crowned him Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him,
or acknowledged his rule in our lives.
We have gone along with the ways of the world,
and failed to give him glory.
Forgive us,
and raise us from sin,
that we may be your faithful people,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,***

*who rules the world
and is head of the church, his body.*

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Deacon Al Kopacka, Jr.

Sung response:

“Gloria Patri”

Cantor Matt Petrozelli

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Gospel:

Luke 24:44-53

Deacon Al Kopacka, Jr.

Pastoral Letter:

Ephesians 1:15-23

Rev. Chris Scrivens

Response:

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

“The Ultimate Delayed Gratification”

Rev. Chris Scrivens

MUSICAL INTERLUDE:

“Only Trust Him” by John Stockton; arr. by Greg Howlett

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

LITANY FOR ASCENSION

One: Arise, O Lord, in your strength.

All: We will praise you for your glory!

One: Let us pray with joy to Christ at the right hand of God,
saying: You are the king of glory!

You have raised the weakness of our flesh. Heal us from our sins,
and restore to us the full dignity of life.

All: You are the king of glory!

One: May our faith lead us to the Father as we follow the road you trod.

All: You are the king of glory!

One: You have promised to draw all people to yourself; let no one of us be separate
from your body.

All: You are the king of glory!

One: Grant that by our longing we may join you in your kingdom where your humanity
and ours is glorified.

All: You are the king of glory!

One: You are true God, and you will be our judge, so lead us to contemplate your tender mercy.

All: You are the king of glory!

One: O King of glory and Lord of hosts,
who ascended triumphantly above the heavens,
do not abandon us,
but send us the promised one,
the Spirit of truth.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity,
now and forever. Amen

CALL FOR THE OFFERING - (*in-person worshippers are welcome to leave offerings in the plate by the door on your way out.*)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER and 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.

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Scrivens

POSTLUDE:

“Going Beyond”

by David West

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Participating in today's Worship and Fellowship are . . .

Pastor:	The Reverend Christopher W. Scrivens
Lay Assistant:	Deacon Al Kopacka, Jr.
Director of Family Ministries:	Deacon Melissa Ash
Music Director:	Matt Petrozelli
Organist:	Mary Elizabeth Rawley
Ushers/Greeters:	Ward and Suzanne Bailey

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