** Grace St. Paul’s United Methodist Church**

Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Dan Meader

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Ascension Sunday May 21, 2023

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE: May the Peace of Christ be with you!

 **And also with you!**

\*OPENING HYMN **“Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise”**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Clap your hands, all you people! Shout to God with songs of joy!

**People: Give him glory all the nations, for the Most High is to be feared, a great King over all the earth.**

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord ascends with the sound of a trumpet!

**People: the Lord our God sits on his throne and reigns over all the nations.**

Leader: Our Savior has ascended on high, leading a host of captives in his procession.

**People: He is exalted, sing praises to his name! All things on heaven and earth are his inheritance, worship him in splendor!**

**Both: Amen.**

PRAYER OF PETITION

**Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens, that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the world. Grant us wisdom to contemplate his exaltation, and trust that with you and in your power, he will provide for his Body which is the church and empower us for his name sake. As he is exalted in your presence, may he forever be exalted in our lives. This we pray through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Acts 1:1-11*

GOSPEL LESSON *John 14:1-14*

Leader: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

 Offertory

 \*Doxology

CHOIR PRESENTATION

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION **“Crown Him with Many Crowns”**

SERMON *Ascended & Exalted.*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

\*CLOSING PRAISE 1. All Hail King Jesus 2. We Will Glorify 3. He is Exalted

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE **“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing (v.1)”**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

May Church In House Plate offering

May 7 $1,922.00

 May 14 $ 1,121.00