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MAY 24, 2020



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WORSHIP SERVICE

May 24, 2020
Ascension Sunday

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

*Call to Worship from Psalm 93 (NLT)

The Lord is king! He is robed in majesty. Indeed, the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

The world stands firm and cannot be shaken.

Your throne, O Lord, has stood from time immemorial.

You yourself are from the everlasting past.

The floods have risen up, O Lord. The floods have roared like thunder; the floods have lifted their pounding waves. But mightier than the violent raging of the seas, mightier than the breakers on the shore—the Lord above is mightier than these!

Your royal laws cannot be changed. Your reign, O Lord, is holy forever and ever.

Jesus, our ascended Lord and King, has clothed us with his strength. No matter what floods we face, he is mightier! Let us glorify our God who is King.

Praise

*Songs of Praise

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” (#223 vs. 1-4)

“Rejoice, the Lord is King” (#224 vs. 1-4)

*God’s Greeting

Renewal

Sung Call to Confession: *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (#175 vs. 1-4)*

Prayer of Confession

Triune God, we praise you as the God of love and life. Though Jesus prayed that we would be one, we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with you. We break our communion through hostile words and unkind actions. We

long for your Spirit to heal us and to correct us. We long for you to help us experience communion with you and with each other as we gather around your Word. Even now, dependent on your grace, we commit ourselves to live more fully in the unity you desire. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon from Colossians 1:15-22 (NLT)

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything. For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross. This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.

Passing of the Peace

*Just as Paul reminds us that, "He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth" and "this includes you," let's pass the peace saying, "**the peace of Christ be with you.**"*

Song of Response: "We Will Extol You, God and King" (#562 vs. 1-4)

Response

Prayers of the People

Reminder of Our Opportunity to Give Tithes and Offerings

Proclamation

Scripture: John 17:1-26

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Jesus Prays

***Hymn of Response:** “Jesus Shall Reign” (#219 vs. 1-4)

SENDING

***Benediction**

***Doxology** “Jesus Shall Reign” (#219 vs. 5)

Postlude

Participants:

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