



MAY 24, 2020 — ASCENSION SUNDAY

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

It is not enough, since you are my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the survivors of Israel. Hence, I will also appoint you as light to the nations so that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

Isaiah 49:6 CEB

♪ Because of Your Love [\(lyrics\)](#)

♪ 10,000 Reasons [\(lyrics\)](#)

♪ Chain Breaker [\(lyrics\)](#)

Reconciliation with God

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:14–16 NIV

... In Christ you are forgiven.

R Thanks be to God!

♪ Refiner's Fire [\(lyrics\)](#)

Sharing the Peace

... The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

R And also with you.

Time with Young Disciples

The Offering

Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn't give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7 CEB

Prayers of the People 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. 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

Acts 1:6–14 CEB

⁶ As a result, those who had gathered together asked Jesus, "Lord, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now?"

⁷ Jesus replied, "It isn't for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority.

⁸ Rather, 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 end of the earth."

⁹ After Jesus said these things, as they were watching, he was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight.

¹⁰ While he was going away and as they were staring toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood

next to them. ¹¹ They said, “Galileans, why are you standing here, looking toward heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you saw him go into heaven.”

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem—a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ When they entered the city, they went to the upstairs room where they were staying. Peter, John, James, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James, Alphaeus’ son; Simon the zealot; and Judas, James’ son—¹⁴ all were united in their devotion to prayer, along with some women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

... This is the Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

Message

“The Next Challenge”

Hymns

🎵 *The Church’s One Foundation* (blue #442; [lyrics + music](#))

🎵 *Close to Thee* ([lyrics + music](#))

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