

Grace Presbyterian Church

29 May 2022

9:30am

Ascension/Seventh Sunday of Easter

*Rooted in Christ, We Gather in Spirit.
Welcome to Worship!*



We Gather

CENTERING WORDS

*The eternal God is your refuge,
and underneath are the everlasting arms. Deuteronomy 33:27a*

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

The Lord Jesus Christ has risen to reign;

his is the name above all names.

Let us worship God.

HYMN* *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

No. 268

OPENING PRAYER

Mighty God,
by your power you raised Jesus Christ to rule over us.
We praise you that he puts down tyrannies that
threaten to destroy us and unmasks powers that
claim our allegiance.
We thank you that he alone commands our lives
and gives us freedom to love the world.
Glory to you for the gift of his life!
Glory to you for his saving death!
Glory to you for Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns as our risen Lord, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**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. Amen.**

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

*RESPONSE *HYMN* Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil No. 750

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Peace be with you!
And also with you.

We Reflect

A TIME FOR CHILDREN & THE YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate
the presence of your risen Word.
Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit
so that we may proclaim the good news
of eternal and abundant life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OT SCRIPTURE LESSON Ecclesiastes 3:1 -8

HYMN *O Lord, You Are My God and King (Psalm 145)* No.270

NT SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 1:1-11

SERMON Rev. Molly Dykstra

What Are We Waiting For?

We Respond

HYMN* *He Is King of Kings* No. 273

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy/in thanksgiving,
Hear our prayer.

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.

OUR GIFTS OF SACRIFICE and THANKSGIVING

Invitation

Thanks to all those whose gifts and offerings have sustained the church during these difficult times. Plates are available in the sanctuary to receive your offering. You can give online by visiting the church website.

Musical Meditation

Vince DiMura

Doxology Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow No. 607*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

*Prayer of Dedication**

**We walk by faith, we live by faith, we give by faith.
God of great gifts, you have given us so much,
accept these gifts from our hands, our faithful
response to your abundant grace. Amen.**

We Are Sent

*CLOSING HYMN**

Joy to the World

No.266

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

****Indicates please stand in body and/or in spirit.***

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