

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD “...knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, 'Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.'" <div>– 2 Peter 3:3–4</div>		
May 24, 2020	Ascension Sunday	10:40 a.m.

"A Song of Praise Is Fitting."		
Welcome and Call to Worship		
Prelude	Elegy—A Memorial Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	Thalben-Ball
* Responsive Reading	Psalm 47 Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom He loves. God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne. The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is highly exalted!	
* Hymn	Look Ye Saints the Sight Is Glorious	CORONAE
 Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious: see the Man of sorrows now; From the fight returned victorious, ev’ry knee to Him shall bow. Crown Him! Crown Him! Crowns become the Victor’s brow. Crown the Savior, angels, crown Him; rich the trophies Jesus brings; In the seat of pow’r enthrone Him, while the vault of heaven rings. Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown the Savior King of kings. Hark! those bursts of acclamation! Hark! those loud triumphant chords! Jesus takes the highest station; O what joy the sight affords! Crown Him! Crown Him! King of Kings and Lord of Lords.		
* Prayer of Adoration		

"Behold, the Lamb of God Who Takes Away the Sin of the World."		
New Testament Lesson	Revelation 19:11–16 This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!	

General Prayer of Confession	Our great God and Heavenly Father, we bow before You to confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We are sorry that we have broken Your law and grieved Your Spirit. Our only hope is in the blood of Your Son who died for our sins, rose for our justification, and is now exalted at Your right hand where He ever lives to make intercession
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for us. Please apply His atonement to us and redeem us from our unrighteousness that we may one day stand before Him, clothed in His perfect righteousness and join the heavenly host, bowing our knees, and confessing with our tongues that He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, even Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Prayer of Intercession

Pastor Heath Cross

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

**Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His burning eye at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown Him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; and round His pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime;
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.**

**Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die!**

"Give and It Will Be Given to You."		
God's Tithe and Our Offerings		
Offertory	Here is Love	Rees
Mrs. Kristen Bachmman, solo, and Mr. David German, piano		

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood, when the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood. Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise? He can never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days. On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide; through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide. Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above, and heav'n's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love. Let me, all Thy love accepting, love Thee, ever all my days; let me seek Thy kingdom only, and my life be to

Thy praise; Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see; Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me, Thou Thyself hast set me free. In Thy truth Thou dost direct me by Thy Spirit through Thy Word; and Thy grace my need is meeting, as I trust in Thee, my Lord. Of Thy fullness Thou art pouring Thy great love and pow'r on me, without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to Thee.		
"All Scripture is Breathed Out by God."		
Prayer for Illumination		
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 25:1–13 All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.	
Sermon	"The Door Was Shut"	Pastor Jim Bachmann
Prayer of Supplication		
* Hymn	A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing	LASST UNS ERFREUEN
 A hymn of glory let us sing; new songs throughout the world shall ring: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, by a road before untrod, ascendeth to the throne of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! The holy apostolic band upon the Mount of Olives stand; Alleluia! Alleluia! And with His followers they see Jesus' resplendent majesty. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! To whom the angels, drawing nigh: "Why stand and gaze upon the sky?" Alleluia! Alleluia! "This is the Savior," thus they say, "this is His noble triumph day." Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! "Again shall ye behold Him so as ye today have seen Him go, Alleluia! Alleluia! In glorious pomp ascending high, up to the portals of the sky," Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!		
* Benediction		
* Postlude		

* congregation standing

Greetings: We welcome each of you to our time of virtual worship this morning! This is the second week of live-streaming with a few officers and wives present in the fellowship hall. We look forward to our phased re-opening next week. If you are not on our email newsletter list and wish to receive updates and details, please contact Angie Thomas in the church office.

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to Retha Thomas in the recent loss of her brother.

Devotionals: Be sure to look for Pastor Heath's video devotionals each week. You can find them on Facebook and YouTube.



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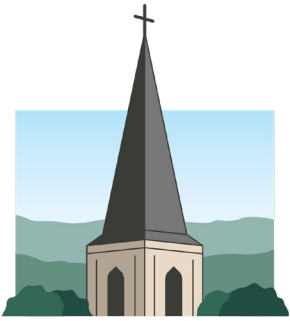
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