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"It is vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for He gives to His beloved sleep."

– Psalm 127:2

May 16, 2021

Ascension Sunday

10:40 a.m.

"From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!"

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision  
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Rawsthorne

Welcome

Call to Worship

\* Responsive Praise

Psalm 47:1-8

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 the 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.**

\* 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!

\* Prayer of Adoration

<b>"And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression."</b>		
New Testament Lesson	Ephesians 1:15-23	
This is the word of the Lord.		
<b>Thanks be to God!</b>		
General Prayer of Confession		
<b>Our gracious Heavenly Father, we confess that we have often failed to honor Your Son as our risen, conquering, saving, and ascended King. Forgive us for our foolishness, distrust, and rebellion. We seek again Your mercy and grace. Pardon our sins and increase our faith through Jesus Christ our Lord, now seated at Your right hand, far above all rule, authority, power, and dominion, and above every name that is named not only in this age but in the age to come. Amen.</b>		
Silent Prayers of Confession		
Prayer of Intercession		
The Lord's Prayer		
<b>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.</b>		
Assurance of Forgiveness	Pastor Heath Cross	
Hymn	Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious	CORONAE
<b>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.</b>		
<b>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.</b>		
<b>Sinners in derision crowned Him, mocking thus the Savior's claim; Saints and angels crowd around Him, own His title, praise His name. Crown Him! Crown Him! Spread abroad the Victor's fame!</b>		
<b>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.</b>		
<b>"You shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their glory you shall boast."</b>		
God's Tithe and Our Offerings		
Anthem	What God Ordains	Rodigast/Bauder
Stephens Valley Church Choir		
Ms. Ana Manning, soloist		
What God ordains is always good: His will is just and holy; and though the path be wrought with thorns, I follow meek and lowly. My God indeed in		

every need knows well how He will shield me; to Him, then, I will yield me. What God ordains is always good: He is my Friend and Father; He suffers naught to do me harm, though many storms may gather. Now I may know both joy and woe, some day I shall see clearly that He hath loved me dearly. What God ordains is always good: though I the cup am drinking which savors now of bitterness, I take it without shrinking. For after grief God gives relief, my heart with comfort filling and all my sorrow stilling. What God ordains is always good: this truth remains unshaken. Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, I shall not be forsaken. I fear no harm, for with His arm He shall embrace and shield me; so to my God I yield me.		
* Presentation of Gifts	EASTER HYMN	
<b>See, He lifts His hands above! Alleluia!</b>		
<b>See, He shows the prints of love! Alleluia!</b>		
<b>Hark! His gracious lips bestow Alleluia!</b>		
<b>Blessings on His church below. Alleluia!</b>		
* Prayer of Dedication		
<b>"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."</b>		
Prayer for Illumination		
Old Testament Lesson	Esther 6:1-14	
All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.		
<b>The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.</b>		
Sermon	Sleepless in Susa	Pastor Jim Bachmann
Prayer of Supplication		
<b>"What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?</b>		
<b>I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord!"</b>		
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper		
Words of Institution		
Breaking the Bread	Fairest Lord Jesus Mr. David German, organ	
Sharing the Cup		
* Hymn	A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing	LASST UNS ERFREUEN
<b>A hymn of glory let us sing; new songs throughout the world shall ring:</b>		
<b>Alleluia! Alleluia!</b>		
<b>Christ, by a road before untrod, ascendeth to the throne of God.</b>		
<b>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</b>		
<b>The holy apostolic band upon the Mount of Olives stand;</b>		
<b>Alleluia! Alleluia!</b>		

And with His followers they see Jesus' resplendent majesty.  
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!

"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!

\* Benediction

\* Postlude Crown Him with Many Crowns  
Ms. David German, organ

\* congregation standing

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

**Welcome:** We are delighted to welcome everyone this morning. If you are visiting with us please stop by and introduce yourself to the pastors who will be in the lobby after the service.

**Sympathy:** We extend our sympathy to Frank Frazier and Susie Meek due to the passing of their brother Michael this week.

**SVC Women's Bible study** of Philippians continues this Tuesday, May 18, at 10:00 a.m. in the Solid Rock Café. Childcare is available with an online registration. Our next study, *Seeing Jesus in Genesis*, begins on Tuesday, June 1. Registration is available online and in the lobby today.

**Summer Bible School:** Mark your calendars now for our summer Bible school on Wednesday evenings, June 16, 23, 30, and July 7 from 5:15-6:30 p.m. Mr. Danny Hale will teach on "The Word of God: A Matter of Life and Death." A potluck dinner, nursery and activities for the children will be available. More details to follow.

**Sunday, July 4:** Plan now to be with us for a special service Sunday morning, July 4, as we worship our Lord and ask His blessing on our nation. We will enjoy inspiring music including brass and timpani as well as a military testimony. Invite your friends to be with us!



**Parent's Day Out:** This fall we intend to open our doors to preschoolers, ages 1-4, for a two day per week ministry, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. For more information, contact Anita Murphy, SVC Director of Preschool Ministry.

– THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR –

Today, 9:00 a.m.	Officers' Prayer Time
Today, 9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
Today, 10:40 a.m.	Worship service
Today, 12:00 p.m.	SVC Missions meeting
Monday, 9:00 a.m.	Sabbatical Search Career Group
Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.	SVC Women's Bible Study (Café)
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.	Sweet Half Hour of Prayer (St. Paul Chapel, first floor)
Thursday, 10:00 am.	SVC Women's Prayer Shawl meeting (Rutherford Room)
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	SVC Men's Bible Study (Café)

Financial Update

Weekly Offering Needed	\$35,164
May 9 General Fund Offering	\$26,388
Total May General Fund Offering	\$55,978
Current 2021 General Fund Deficit	\$48,930
May 9 Building Fund received	\$8,090
May Building Fund received	\$13,600

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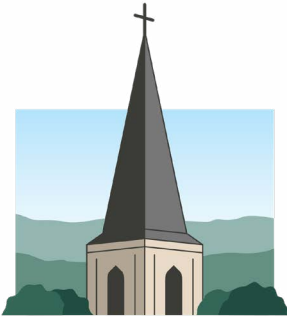
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