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Ascension Sunday

Meet with us online or via phone at 10 am:

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Service for the Lord's Day

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

One: At the presence of God, we rejoice:

Many: Glorifying the One

who calls us beloved children

One: In the presence of Jesus Christ, we listen:

Many: to the Voice who calls us

to humbly serve others.

One: Through the presence
of the Holy Spirit, we speak:

**Many: making God's love known
to the world-forsaken in our midst.**

Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies, for the love
which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale,
and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light: [Refrain]

3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic
harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: [Refrain]

4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth,
and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: [Refrain]

5 For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given; for that great,
great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven: [Refrain]

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness: God of glory: we are so busy watching the
skies for signs of your presence that we forget to look around to see those
we can serve in your name. We are so intent on finding just the right way
to tell off someone, that we forget the words of reconciliation you have
taught to us. We are so convinced we can figure out your schedule that
we forget to open ourselves to the presence of your Spirit within us.
Mighty source of our lives, forgive us for all that we have done to others.
Fill us with the wisdom to resist evil in our lives and strengthen us in that
faith which is given to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Let us confess our individual sins in silence. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Response

"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"

1 I want Jesus to walk with me; (2X)

all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

Many: and also with you.

One: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

Conversation with Children of God

You are a beloved child of God.

With you God is well pleased.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture

Psalms 1:1-6

1Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; 2but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. 3They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. 4The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. 5Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; 6for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

John 17:1-19

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, 2since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. 5So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

6"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have

received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

11And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. 12While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. 14I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 15I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. 16They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

17Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Sermon

Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once
was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares

I have already come: 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will
lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my
shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Affirmation of Faith

Inspired by the Heidelberg Catechism

4 God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you;
smite death's threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet
again.

Charge and Benediction

Liturgy from Thom M. Shuman: lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com
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