



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 May 24, 2020 ~ Ascension Sunday



We Gather to Celebrate the Ascension of Christ

PRELUDE "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" George Th. Miles
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP



Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great sovereign over all the earth.

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 the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let us worship God!

HYMN #212 (Red) vs. 1 "The Lord Ascendeth Up on High" ASCENDIT DEUS

**The Lord as-cend-eth up on high, The Lord hath tri-umphed
 Glo-rious-ly, In power and might ex-cell-ing;
 The grave and hell are cap-tive led, Lo! He re-turns, our glo-rious
 Head, To His e-ter-nal dwell-ing.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Let us we pray responsively with joy to Christ, who is seated at the right hand of God, saying:

You are the king of glory!

You have raised the weakness of our flesh.

Heal us from our sins, and restore to us the full dignity of life.

You are the king of glory!

May our faith lead us to God as we follow the way that you have shown.

You are the king of glory!

You have promised to draw all people to yourself; let no one of us be separate from your body.

You are the king of glory!

Grant that we may join with you in full plan of God's shalom in which your humanity and ours is glorified.

You are the king of glory!

As true God from God, who will be our judge at the end, lead us to contemplate and celebrate your tender mercies,

You are, indeed, the king of glory! Amen.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We Listen for the Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(You are invited to say the "amen" aloud.)

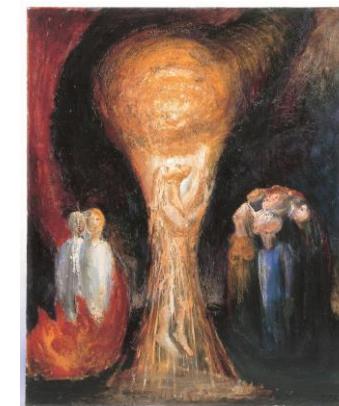
LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Acts 1:1-11 Jesus ascends into heaven.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Ephesians 1:15-23 Christ is ruler of the universe.

The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**



SOLO "When I'm Feeling Lonely" Richard Avery and Donald Marsh

Sung by G. Roberts Kolb

Luke 24:44-53 Jesus ascends into heaven.

The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Ch-Ch-Changes"

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

HYMN

"Every Time We Tell the Story"

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**Ev'-ry time we tell the sto-ry, Word takes flesh and love finds voice,
 Praise re-sounds to God's great glo-ry, Light shines on each troub-led choice.
 In each true and faith-ful tell-ing We are an-gels of God's Word,
 Wit-ness-es to new cre-a-tion, That the good news may be heard!**

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

TITHES AND OFFERING

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. / **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. / **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

...Therefore with angels and with archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your holy name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



... as we declare the story of our faith to the world, saying.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

(Please hold the bread to eat together; please drink the cup as you are served it.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out in the Joy of the Resurrection

HYMN #155 vs. 1

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King” DARWALL'S 148th

Re-joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a-dore!

Re-joyce, give thanks, and sing, And tri-umph ev-er-more:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re-joyce

CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

Betty Roe

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

May 24, 2020 ~ Ascension Sunday ~ 10:30 a.m.



The purpose of Stone Church is to be an inviting, spiritual community of Christ, engaging in worship that inspires and challenges us to learn and grow as we reach out in caring and service, trusting in the love of God.

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The Lord Ascendeth Up on High 212

Arthur T. Russell (1806-1874)

ASCENDIT DEUS: 8. 8. 7. D.
Johann Gottfried Schicht (1753-1823)

1. The Lord as - cend - eth up on high, The Lord hath tri - umphed
2. The heavens with joy re - ceive their Lord, By saints, by an - gel
3. Our great High Priest hath gone be - fore, Now on His Church His

glo - rious - ly, In power and might ex - cell - ing;
hosts a - dored; O day of ex - ul - ta - tion!
grace to pour, And still His love He giv - eth;

The grave and hell are cap - tive led, Lo! He re - turns, our
O earth, a - dore thy glo - rious King! His ris - ing, His as -
O may our hearts to Him as - cend; May all with - in us

glo - rious Head, To His e - ter - nal dwell - ing.
cen - sion sing With grate - ful ad - o - ra - tion!
up - ward tend To Him who ev - er liv - eth! A-MEN.

Every Time We Tell the Story

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Dennis Dewey, 2008

C. Hubert Parry, 1897

1. Ev' - ry time we tell the sto - ry, Word takes flesh and love finds voice,
2. Ev' - ry time we hear the sto - ry, We're drawn in - to mys - ter - y.
3. Ev' - ry time we share the sto - ry, We touch peo - ple's deep - est need;
4. Tell it with an ur - gent pas - sion; Let the sto - ry's life im - bue

Praise re - sounds to God's great glo - ry, Light shines on each troub - led choice.
The div - ine with us is dwell - ing In that ho - ly his - to - ry.
In a place pro - found - ly ho - ly We en - count - er Christ, in - deed.
Our be - liev - ing with com - pas - sion For those seek - ing all that's true.

In each true and faith - ful tell - ing We are an - gels of God's Word,
In the hear - ing we are chal - lenged, Changed, re - newed in sto - ry's power
In the shar - ing with each oth - er We be - come com - mu - ni - ty,
Ev' - ry time we tell it, hear it, Share it as our heart's de - sire,

Wit - ness - es to new cre - a - tion, That the good news may be heard!
To live out a Christ - like wit - ness In each mo - ment of each hour!
Ev' - ry time we share the sto - ry God's re - vealed for all to see!
We live in that ho - ly mom - ent with a Pent - e - cost - al fire!