



Sixth Sunday of Easter (Ascension Sunday) May 5, 2024

Preparing for Worship: "Ascension Day" is a Christian Feast Day not often celebrated in the UCC, yet there is much holy and down-to-earth wisdom in Luke's telling, and our turning of that text together. What happens (or doesn't) when we're looking for God's loving action in all the wrong places?

We Approach God

Music for Gathering I Will Sing of My Redeemer (*piano*) J. Granahan, arr. Mark Hayes

Words of Welcome & Acknowledgment of the Land

Centering

In the name of God, grace and peace be with you.
And also with you.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

In all times and all places, God calls us to a time of worship;
A carillon of bells, a muezzin, an alert on a smartphone.
A tulip opening bright red petals to the warmth of the sun.
A mountain rising majestic above the treeline, scraping the blue sky.
A soul-filled note sung by a choir, played on guitar, or piano.
The aroma of lavender, or coffee, or a remembered perfume.
A hand, held out to welcome company.
Wherever, whenever, however we are called,
let's answer
with our attention, our intention, our hope, our trust.
For as God calls, so too does God welcome us,
sharing wisdom, offering transforming grace.
Let us answer God's call to worship in this time and these places.

Opening Hymn Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

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Prayer for Gathering and Reflection

We Listen for God's Word

Sharing the Scriptures Luke 24:44-53, Acts 1:11a
This is the Good News of God in Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem You Raise Me Up *with* Be Still, My Soul Lovland & Graham, arr. Tom Fettke

Reflecting on the Text Looking in the Wrong Direction, (and the right).

We Respond to God

Offering Our Time, Talent and Treasure

Song Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks v.1, 4 VU 179

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the Community

(Sharing prayers from the Lenten Prayer Wall, Prayer Tree and global cluster)

The Lord's Prayer

New Zealand paraphrase

We Serve God in the World

Life and Work of the Faith Community

Closing Song The Spring Has Come VU 187

Sending Out with Blessing

Postlude Praise Him! Praise Him! (*piano*) Chester Allen, arr. Mark Hayes

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Onsite worshippers are invited to stay for conversation over (Fair Trade) Coffee.



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