

# Unity Moravian Church

May 24, 2020

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ascension Sunday

Memorial Sunday

## THE CONGREGATION GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Cornerstone”

arr. H. Livingston

## HEARING GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

LITURGY

### Ascension Day Liturgy

Hear the words of St. Paul as he writes to the congregation in Ephesus:

“I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.” (Ephesians 1: 16 – 19)

HYMN

“O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart’s Desire”  
(8<sup>th</sup> Century Latin Text)

DOVE OF PEACE

1. *O Christ, our hope, our heart’s desire, redemption’s only spring,  
Creator of the world are you, its Savior and its King, its Savior and its King.*

Because Jesus walked the earth, lived and taught about a new way,  
ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new world has broken into ours –

**a world in which economic justice comes for the poor,  
an environment where prisoners find a second chance,  
a nation where people always come first.**

2. *How vast the mercy and the love which led you to the tree,  
And you endured a cruel death which set your people free, which set your people free.*

Because Jesus walked the earth, lived and taught about a new way,  
ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new community has been formed –  
**a community that loves and cares for all members,  
a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected,  
a home where all find a place to belong.**

3. *But now the bonds of death are burst, our fear has been replaced;  
And you are on our Father's throne, to judge with love and grace,  
to judge with love and grace.*

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. (Ephesians 1: 20 – 23)

Because Jesus walked the earth, lived and taught about a new way,  
ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new creation has begun –  
**all that was distorted is being restored,  
all that is corrupted is being renewed,  
all that was broken is being made whole.**

4. *O may your mighty love prevail, our sinful souls to spare,  
O may we come before your throne and find acceptance there, and find acceptance there.*

Because Jesus walked the earth, lived and taught about a new way,  
ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
**God's new world has begun.**

5. *All praise to you, ascended Lord, all glory ever be  
And to the Holy Trinity through all eternity, through all eternity.*

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Acts 1: 6 – 14

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“The First Song of Isaiah”  
(The Unity Choir)

White

HYMN 371

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

(stanzas 1 & 4)

*Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!  
to his throne above the skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!  
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!*

*See! He lifts his hands above; Alleluia!  
See! He shows the prints of love: Alleluia!  
Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!  
blessings on his Church below. Alleluia!*

TEXT FOR THE DAY

Mark 10: 35 – 45

THE MESSAGE FOR TODAY

*Legacies of the Apostles:  
James the Younger, James and John*

SILENT REFLECTION

INTERLUDE

“We, the Church”

arr. C. Tornquist

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

WORSHIP BY GIVING

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Or, as always, you may send a check via U.S. Mail to the church]

CONCERNS AND JOYS FOR THE COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

PRAYER RESPONSE

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”  
*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, Alleluia!*

Hymnal 605

# FOLLOWING OUR LAMB INTO THE WORLD

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

HYMN

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Hymnal 402

*All hail the power of Jesus' name  
Let angels prostrate fall, let angels prostrate fall!  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all!*

*Crown him, you martyrs of our God,  
who from his altar call, who from his altar call!  
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod  
And crown him Lord of all!*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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### **Watchword Text for the Year**

*Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people,  
may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. II Corinthians 4:15*

In essentials **UNITY**, in non-essentials, **LIBERTY**, in all things, **LOVE!**

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