

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE
ASCENSION SUNDAY / MOTHER'S DAY
May 8, 2016**

Jesus said, "Look! I'm coming soon."
Revelation 22:12 (New International Version)

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time

Mother's Day Celebration & Recognition Almira Collier

Prelude All Nature Sings! Lani Smith

Call to Confession: Every glimpse of Christ's glory reminds us of the hope we have in him both now and for the future. It also reminds us of our own inadequacy and insufficiency. Let us go to God in prayer to confess our sin.

Confession: Almighty God: You accepted our Lord's sacrifice on the cross for our salvation; by your infinite wisdom you raised him from death on the third day by the power of your Holy Spirit, clothing him again with the flesh in which the disciples had known him, so that they might recognize him; and then you ordered him home, to rule with you in heaven until his final return to earth.

We humbly confess that, while we know the story and even believe it, we do not allow it to make much difference in our lives. We fail to value each other's lives. We still dread death as if we did not have His promise of the resurrection. We still do not know how to respond rightly to the assurance of His ultimate return at the end of our time.

Enable us today, O God, to accept more deeply the sacred story, that our discipleship may be enhanced and that our service to You may become more useful and effective. In the name of the risen and ascended Savior – Jesus Christ - we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon - All things are possible with Christ. The old self is crucified with Christ and the same Spirit that renewed his life renews ours. Friends, hear the Good News and believe; in Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Amen.

*Praise All Hail the Power Hymn 106

Invocation Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD OF THE LORD

Song of Faith Great Is the Lord Hymn 50
To God Be the Glory Hymn 66

Gospel Reading John 17:20-26

New Testament Reading Revelation 22:12-21

Responsorial Happy the Home When God Hymn 607

Community and Congregational Prayer – 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. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory, forever.

Offertory Prayer & Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

Child Dedication Ceremony Austin Cripe

Children's Message (Children dismissed to Junior Church)

*Scripture and Prayer of Illumination: Acts 1:1-14

Message: Up, Up, and Away...Coming Again One Day
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

BEING SENT IN FAITH & SERVICE

***Altar Call of Invitation to Faith and Fellowship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be baptized, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come to Jesus during this song.

***Song** “For All the Saints” Hymn 529

***Closing Prayer & *Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude** Postlude on Italian Hymn Edward Broughton

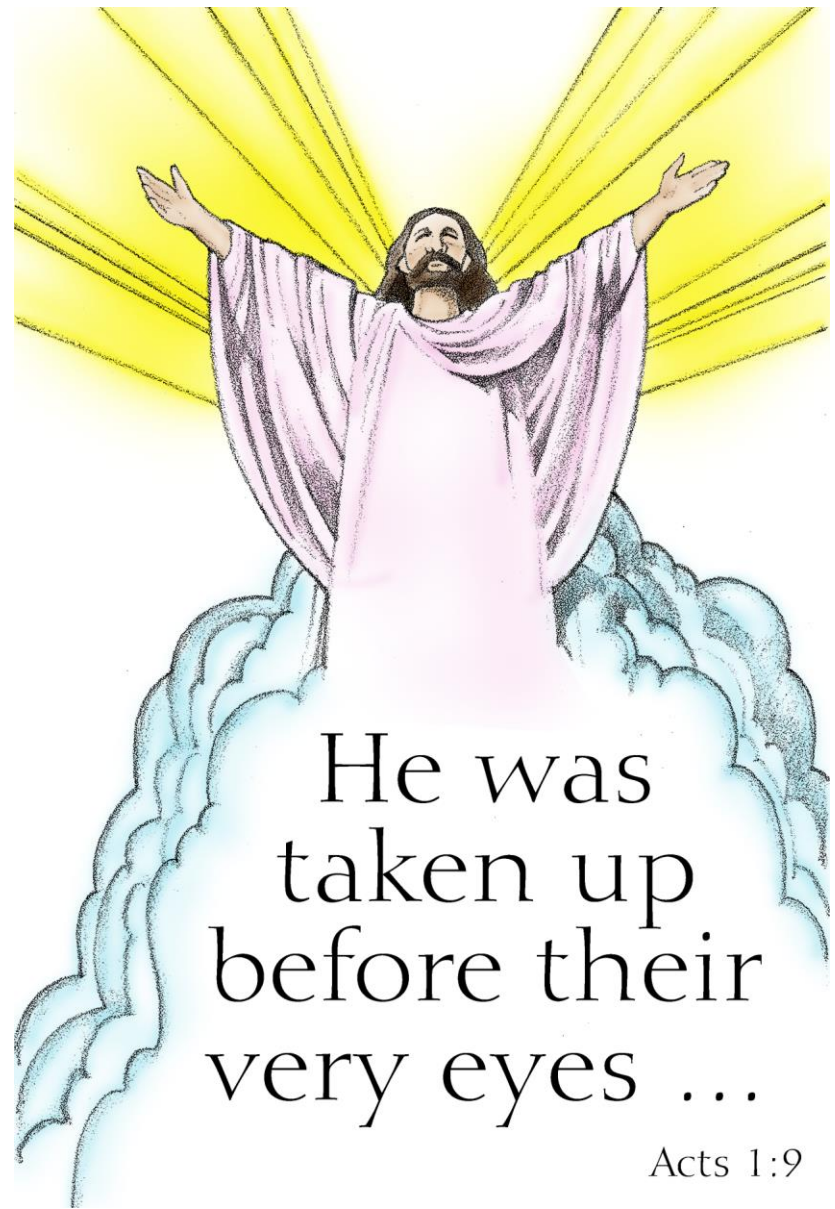
WELCOME TO WORSHIP – I am so happy you choose to worship with us this morning at West Side Baptist Church. We are a loving small church – we’re more than a church, we’re family. If you would like to learn more a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, need personal prayer, want to know more about our staff and programs, or want to request a pastoral visit, please speak with me after the worship service!

Pastor Ivan

Church Staff & Leaders

- Senior Minister Dr. Ivan E. Greuter
- Choir Director and Organist Janet Nyfeler
- Custodian Ernie Longstaff
- Office Administrator Lynda Cokeley
- Pianist Jan Mauck
- Evangelism Counselor (May) Virginia Mansfield
- Greeters Almira Collier, Jim Lagerberg
- Ushers Don Johnson, Dick May Jr.
 Bill Merrifield, Karen Kirby

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He was
taken up
before their
very eyes ...

Acts 1:9

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