

ASCENSION SUNDAY

May 21, 2017

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

In Preparation for Worship – Ascension Sunday: Forty days after the Resurrection, Jesus Christ was raised (ascended) to his glorious Throne in Heaven where he waits to judge the living and the dead. Christians remember Jesus' promise: "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another helper who will be with you forever. That helper is the Spirit of Truth" (John 14:16-17). We wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost (June 4, 2017).

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time

Prelude "A Joyful Celebration" *by Patricia Lou Harris*

Easter Paschal Chant:

Leader: Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

***Song of Praise** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" 317

***Call to Worship:** *Imitating Christ's Humility*

Leader: In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

People; Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

Leader: And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!

People: Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-11 (New International Version)

***Easter Alleluia** "Alleluia! #1" (refrain only) 291

Invocational Prayer

Song of Faith "I Sing the Almighty Power" 31

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. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory, forever.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Early Church Acts 1:1-11

New Testament Epistle Reading 1 Peter 3:13-22

***Responsorial** "Today Is the Day" WT

Invitation to the Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Choir Offertory: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"
by Mark L. Williams

Children's Message (2nd Grade and younger to Junior Church)

***Scripture and Prayer of Illumination** Romans 12:15-16

Message: "We're All in this Together"
The Reverend Julie Robinson, ABCCR Regional Staff

RESPONDING 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 follow Christ in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

***Song** "Shine, Jesus Shine" 319

***Spoken Benediction in Swedish** Nancy Lindberg

***Postlude** **“You Are My King with Love Divine”**
arranged by Carol Tornquist

*Please stand if able

MISSION: The vision of West Side Baptist Church shall be that we commit ourselves to continual personal growth, reaching out to win and nurture others in the love of Jesus Christ



Julie enjoys life, love and ministry with her husband of nine years, RJ. Nearly two years ago, their twosome became three with the birth of their spunky son, Sam. She grew up in rural Fairbury, Neb. She has served in youth ministry ever since high school graduation.

Julie graduated with a bachelors in Theology/Philosophy and Theatre/Communications from the University of Sioux Falls and her masters in Christian Ministry from Truett Seminary at Baylor University.

While at Baylor, God gave Julie the opportunity to do mission trips to Morocco, Ghana and Namibia, as well as regional missions with as many as 120 youth at a time. Julie is also an Adjunct Professor and Dorm Supervisor at Manhattan Christian College.

Julie is in love with Christ and seeks to deeply love His people. Because of God's great faithfulness; she is passionate about living the love of Christ. It is one of her deepest joys to serve the community of faith in both big and small ways!

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