

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER  
ASCENSION SUNDAY  
MAY 24, 2020**

**WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

**Prelude** “God Bless America” Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Easter Greeting:**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

**Opening #323** “Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise” *Llanfair*

**\*Call to Worship** *God Rules the Nations*

All you nations, clap your hands and shout joyful praises to God.

**The Lord Most High is fearsome, the ruler of all the earth.**

God has put every nation under our power,

**He chose for us the land that was the pride of Jacob, his favorite.**

God goes up to his throne, as people shout and trumpets blast.

**Sing praises to God our King, the ruler of all the earth!**

Praise God with songs.

**God rules the nations from his sacred throne.**

Their leaders come together and are now the people of Abraham’s God.

**All rulers on earth surrender their weapons, and God is greatly praised!**

Psalm 47:1-9 (Contemporary English Version)

**\*Song** “The Ascension” *Worship Team*

**\*Invocation Prayer** The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

**Alleluia** “Above All”

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD**

**A Reading from the Acts of the Spirit** Acts 1:11-11

**A Reading from the Apostles** Ephesians 1:15-23

**\*A Reading from the Gospels** Luke 24:44-53

**\*Responsorial** “Glorious Day” *Jason Ingram*

**The Prayer of the Congregation and The Lord’s 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 the glory forever.

**Invitation to Giving & Offertory**

**Message** “Repentance and Forgiveness to All Nations”  
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

**RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE**

**\*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 a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

**\*Song** “Build My Life” *Iverson*

**\*Spoken Benediction** The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

**Postlude** Jan Mauck, Church Pianist  
*\*Please stand if able*

**EASTERTIDE SEASON** – Eastertide (or the Easter Season) is a 50-day festal season in the Christian church focused on celebrating the Resurrection and the post-Resurrection appearances of Jesus Christ to his many disciples. Eastertide

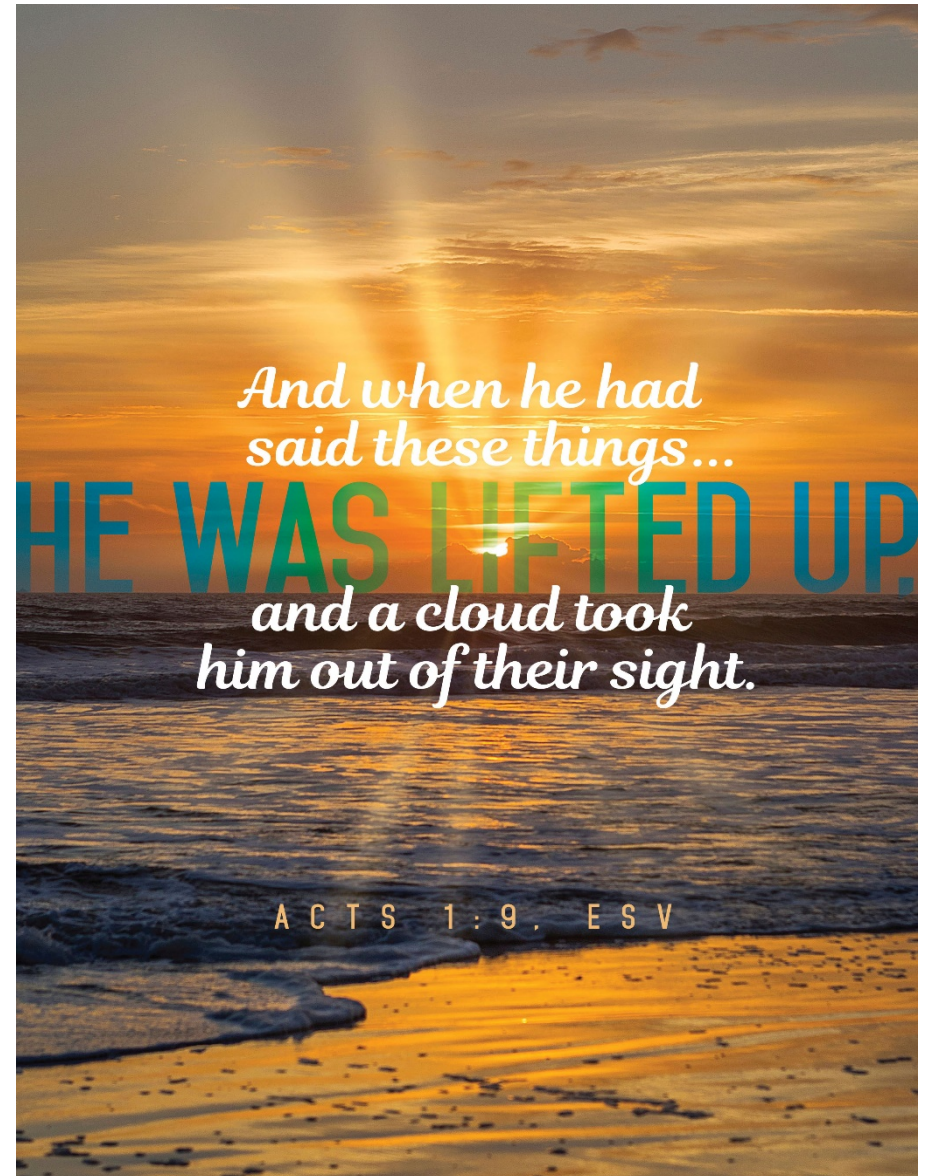
begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends on Pentecost, the day we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church (Acts 2). The color of the season is white.

**BELIEVER'S BAPTISM** – We practice “believer’s baptism” which is the immersion of a person in water – regardless of age – who receives Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and publicly professes faith to walk the Jesus way. The Council schedules baptisms on Sunday mornings throughout the year. If you would like to be baptized, then come to the front during the last song or speak with the Minister or one of the Church leaders.

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** – We celebrate the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month, and on special occasions. All persons of faith, regardless of age, race, or church affiliation, are welcome to partake of the Table of the Lord. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters, we use only non-alcoholic grape juice. Please cup your hands to receive the sanitary communion wafer and juice sealed in small containers. Please hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast together. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Call Pastor Ivan to receive homebound communion delivery.

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## #323 HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE

- Verse 1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!  
to his throne beyond the skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!  
enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!
- Verse 2 There for him high triumph waits, Alleluia!  
lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!  
he has conquered death and sin. Alleluia!  
Take the King of glory in! Alleluia!
- Verse3 See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!  
yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia!  
though returning to his throne, Alleluia!  
still he calls us all his own. Alleluia!
- Verse 4 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!

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## THE ASCENSION

- Intro Ooo ooo ooo ooo
- Verse 1 This is the start of something amazing  
A moment when heaven touches earth  
Here in our hearts Lord we are waiting  
For something that's far beyond  
What we have seen or heard
- Chorus Let us start the ascension let's begin the climb  
Up this holy mountain where Your glory shines  
Further up further in just to  
Be with You again  
Let us start (the ascension)
- Interlude Oh oh oo oh (8X)
- Verse 2 We're fixing our eyes on glory and fire  
Your name is branded on our hearts  
You are the source of all we desire  
Nothing can hold us back  
We're running to where You are
- Bridge Oh oh oh for once in your life
- Ending Oh oh oo oh (8X)  
For once in your life  
Oh oh oo oh (8X)

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## **ABOVE ALL**

Verse 1      Above all powers above all kings  
                 Above all nature and all created things  
                 Above all wisdom and all the ways of man  
                 You were here before the world began

Verse 2      Above all kingdoms above all thrones  
                 Above all wonders the world has ever known  
                 Above all wealth and treasures of the earth  
                 There's no way to measure  
                 What You're worth

Chorus        Crucified laid behind the stone  
                 You lived to die rejected and alone  
                 Like a rose trampled on the ground  
                 You took the fall and thought of me  
                 Above all

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## **GLORIOUS DAY**

Verse 1      I was buried beneath my shame  
                 Who could carry that kind of weight  
                 It was my tomb 'til I met You

Verse 2      I was breathing but not alive  
                 All my failures I tried to hide  
                 It was my tomb 'til I met You

Chorus        ('Cause when) You called my name (and)  
                 I ran out of that grave  
                 Out of the darkness into Your glorious day  
                 You called my name (and) I ran out of that grave  
                 Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

Verse 3      Now Your mercy has saved my soul  
                 Now Your freedom is all that I know  
                 The old made new Jesus when I met You

Bridge        I needed rescue my sin was heavy  
                 But chains break at the weight of Your glory  
                 I needed shelter I was an orphan  
                 Now You call me a citizen of Heaven  
                 When I was broken You were my healing  
                 Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing  
                 I have a future my eyes are open

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## **BUILD MY LIFE**

Verse 1      Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing  
                  Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
                  Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
                  We live for You

Verse 2      Jesus the name above ev'ry other name  
                  Jesus the only one who could ever save  
                  Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
                  We live for You  
                  We live for You

Chorus        Holy there is no one like You  
                  There is none beside You  
                  Open up my eyes in wonder and  
                  Show me who You are  
                  And fill me with Your heart  
                  And lead me in Your love to those around me

Bridge        I will build my life upon Your love  
                  It is a firm foundation  
                  I will put my trust in You alone  
                  And I will not be shaken

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