

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

JUNE 1, 2025

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist

Welcome and Greetings in Jesus' Name Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

***Song (Stand) # 314** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" CORONATION

***Call to Worship:** {Psalms 47:1-2,6-7;93:3-4}

Clap your hands, all you peoples,
Shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
A great king over all the earth.**

Sign praises to God, sign praises.
Sing praises to our King, sing praises.

**For God is the king of all the earth.
Sing praises with a psalm.**

The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
The floods have lifted up their voice.

**More majestic than the waves of the sea,
Majestic on high is the LORD!**

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Song of Faith # 133 "Shout to the Lord" SHOUT TO THE LORD

Opening Prayer (Stand) Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Laurie Smith

The First Reading Acts 1:1-11

The Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel Reader: Deacon Sonia Roling

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand)** Luke 24:44-53

***Responsorial (Stand) # 47** "Fairest Lord Jesus" CRUSADES' HYMN

***Greeting and Sharing Peace with Family and Neighbors (Stand)**

The Children's Sermon (Children's Church for Students Preschool–3rd Grade)

Announcements and The Prayers of the People

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations – "Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2).

Offertory Special Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist

A Prayer of Illumination & Message
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

WE FEAST AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Invitation to Holy Communion / The Table of the Lord[†] (Servers Prepare)

Communion Song # 407 "Break Thou the Bread of Life" BREAD OF LIFE

Words of Institution 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, the power, and the glory forever.

Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper

Breaking of Bread *The Body of Christ; The Bread of Heaven*

Passing of the Cup *The Blood of Christ; The Cup of Salvation*

Agape Fellowship Offering for Persons and Neighbors in Need

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND SERVICE

***Closing Hymn (Stand) # 389** "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" DENNIS

***Spoken Benediction**

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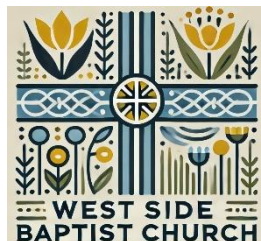
HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) that have hurt God and others. Apologize to God, turn away from harmful behavior, and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God the credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer, Redeemer (Savior), and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor or come forward at a congregation meeting. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.

OUR MISSION – We love God and We love People by sharing the Good News of God's forgiving, renewing love in Jesus Christ by word and deed to improve the lives of neighbors. West Side Baptist Church is an independent, autonomous Christian church partnering for mission support with like-minded people of faith in our City, County, State, Nation, and World.



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