



**Greenhills Community
Church, Presbyterian**

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Ascension Sunday
May 21, 2023, 10:00 am

Guest Speaker: Steve Thiel, REPI

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[At this sign, rise in body or in spirit; **bold text** indicates congregation's responses.]*

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist: Valerie Dauwe

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Let the righteous be joyful;
**let them exult before God;
let them be jubilant with joy.**

Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds —
his name is the LORD —
be exultant before him.

Father of orphans and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.
**God gives the desolate a home to live in;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious live in a parched land.**

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord,
O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God,
**whose majesty is over Israel.
and whose power is in the skies.**

Awesome is God in his sanctuary:
the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.

Blessed be God!

***Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, as we prepare to worship today, we ask that you will stretch our imaginations to sense the majesty and mystery of your ascension. Help us perceive how Jesus' presence in heaven can give us confidence in our praying and hope for the future. Through Jesus, our Lord: **Amen.**

***Hymn # 268**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Call to Reconciliation

Let us humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, casting all our anxiety on the Lord, who cares for us. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we might be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.

Silence is observed.

Assurance of Pardon

The God of all grace, who calls us to eternal glory in Jesus Christ, will restore, support, and strengthen us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

***Response # 634**

To God Be the Glory (v.1)

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Prayer for Illumination

God most high, reigning in glory, send down your Spirit of wisdom to shine in your heavenly Word, so that we may worship you with joy, continually blessing your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson

John 17:1-11

NRSV NT, p. 111

The word of God for the people of God:
Thanks be to God!

Musical Offering

Second Lesson

Acts 1:1-14

NRSV NT, p. 118

The grass withers and the flower fades but the word of our God endures forever.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Now What??

Ruling Elder Steve Thiel

***Hymn # 724**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed (p. 35)

We Present Our Tithes and Offerings

(Prayer concerns may be placed in the offering plates.)

Invitation

Jesus said to the Father, All mine are yours, and all yours are mine. Therefore, let us offer to God this day our lives and labors in service of Christ's love.

Offertory

*Doxology #609

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Prayer of Dedication

Glorious God, everything that is given to us rains forth out of the abundance of your love, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Bless these gifts and our lives together that all we are and all we offer give glory to you; in the name of Christ, who is the way, truth, and life. **Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn # 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

Congregational Meeting

*Charge and *Benediction

(Please be seated to enjoy the Postlude.)

Postlude

Sources: The Opening Prayer is from the Calvin Institute for Christian Worship.

Participants:

Guest Speaker: Steve Thiel, REPI

Liturgist: Valerie Dauwe

Music Director: Brad Caldwell

Ushers: Mary Newcomer, Al Hamilton

Sound: Cliff Kizuka, Jim Hadley

Greeter: Sharon Bailey

Zoom Hosts: Vince Greene, Jim Hadley

Counters: Betty Hamilton, Bobbe Kugele

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DATES

TODAY

Fellowship Time and *Coffee, Conversations, and Christianity* today! During CCC, we will be watching and discussing the final episode of the first season of *The Chosen*, when Jesus meets the woman at the well. (Room 209)

THIS WEEK

Monday, May 22

- AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 209

Tuesday, May 23

- Bell Choir, 6:00 p.m., Room 110
- Square Dance Class, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 24

- The Chosen*, Season 2, 12:00 p.m., room 209
- Support group, 6:00-7:30, Room 204 (contact Dr. Stephen Benoit for info: call at 513-909-4242 or message at Stephencbenoit@outlook.com)
- AA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 209
- Al-Anon, 7:00 p.m., Room 210
- Square Dancing, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Thursday, May 25

Friday, May 26

- AA Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Room 209
- *Anchored Awakenings*, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 27

- *Pro Bono Counseling*, 11:00 – 1:00, Room 204

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, May 28—Pentecost—wear red! Also let the office or Valerie Dauwe know what you'd like to bring to the potluck luncheon on the patio—a time to meet and celebrate our choral scholars, as well as to enjoy one another.