



PARISH
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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Ascension Sunday
June 1st, 2025

Quotes for Reflection

It was not the Word Himself that needed an opening of the gates, being Lord of all; nor were any of His works closed to their maker; but it was we who needed it, whom He carried up by His own body. For as He offered it to death on behalf of all, so by it He once more made ready the way up into the heavens.

—Athanasius of Alexandria

When our Christ arose from the dead and ascended into heaven, the heavenly princes chosen by God were ordered to open the gates of heaven that the King of glory might enter and sit at the right hand of the Father, until He makes His enemies His footstool.

—Justin Martyr

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves: the King opens His gates and welcomes us into His courts.

Gospel Invitation—Psalm 4:5 (NKJV)

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

Sung Response—A Hymn Of Glory Let Us Sing, Vs. 1



A hymn of glo-ry let us sing! New songs through-out the world shall ring,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ by a road be - fore un - trod,



A - scend-eth to the throne of God! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: The Venerable Bede, 8th century. tr. Benjamin Webb, 1854;
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623.

Call to Worship—Psalm 89:1, 5-7, 11, 15

Pastor: Sing of the steadfast love of the Lord forever; with your mouth make known His faithfulness to all generations.

All: Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O Lord, Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

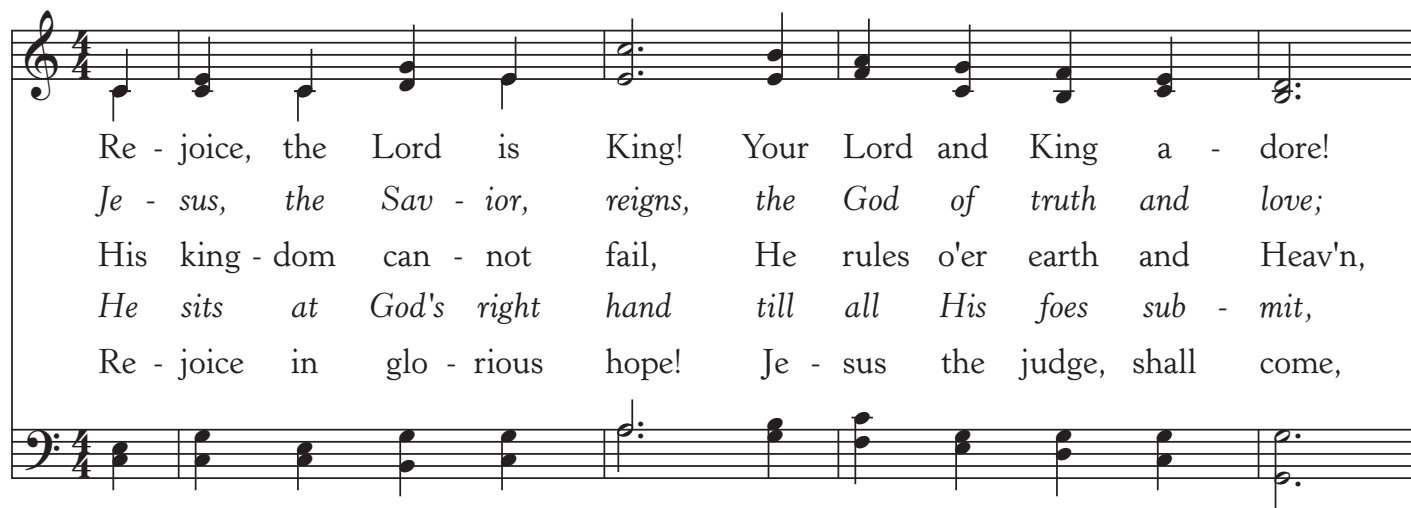
Reader 1: For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord?

Reader 2: He is a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around Him.

All: The heavens are Yours; the earth also is Yours; the world and all that is in it, You have founded them.

Pastor: Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of Your face.

Congregational Hymn—Rejoice, The Lord Is King!

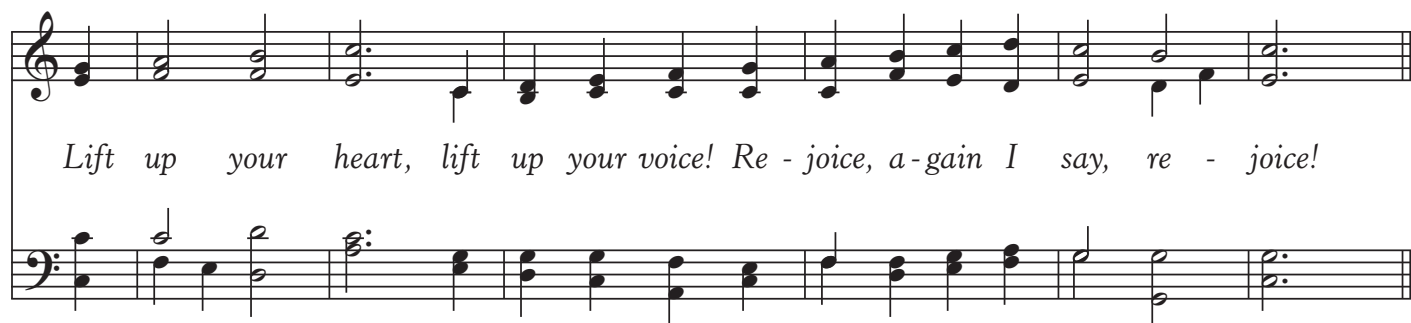


Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
Je - sus, the Sav - ior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and Heav'n,
He sits at God's right hand till all His foes sub - mit,
Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Je - sus the judge, shall come,



Re - joice, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more;
When He had purged our stains He took His seat a - bove;
The keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n;
And bow to His com - mand, and fall be - neath His feet:
And take His ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

Refrain



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1746; Music: DARWALL, John Darwall, 1770.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts. In His Word, God particularly calls us to sing psalms: while all Scripture is appropriate for hymns and spiritual songs, there is a specific exhortation for us to use the Psalter as the church's songbook.

Congregational Psalm—O Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic Is Your Name (Psalm 8)



O Lord, our Lord, how ma-jes - tic_ is Your name in all the earth!

O, when I gaze at the heavn's and all the works Your hands have made,

Though You_ have made him_ low - er_ than the an - gels for a time.

You set_ his feet up - on the earth to be a car - ing shield



For You_ have set Your glor - ious name a - bove the high-est heav'ns.

The moon and stars in the heavn's a - bove, which You have set in place,

You crown'd him in your_ maj - es - ty, in glo - ry and in light.

For flocks of sheep and_ herd - ing beasts and cat - tle in the fields,



Out of mouths of_ babes and in - fants, You es - tab - lished strength!

What is man that You are mind - ful, and re - mem - ber him,

You gave him do - min - ion o - ver all You did cre - ate;

Birds of heav - en,_ teem - ing wa - ters; all Your won-drous works.



All Your en - e - mies will then be si - lent at Your praise.

And the son of_ man that You will gen - tly care for him?

O - ver all the_ won-drous works and all Your hands have made.

Lord, our Lord, how ma-jes - tic is Your name in all the earth!

Text: based on Psalm 8:1-9, Nathan George, 2015; Music: Nathan George, 2015.

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Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 2:1-8

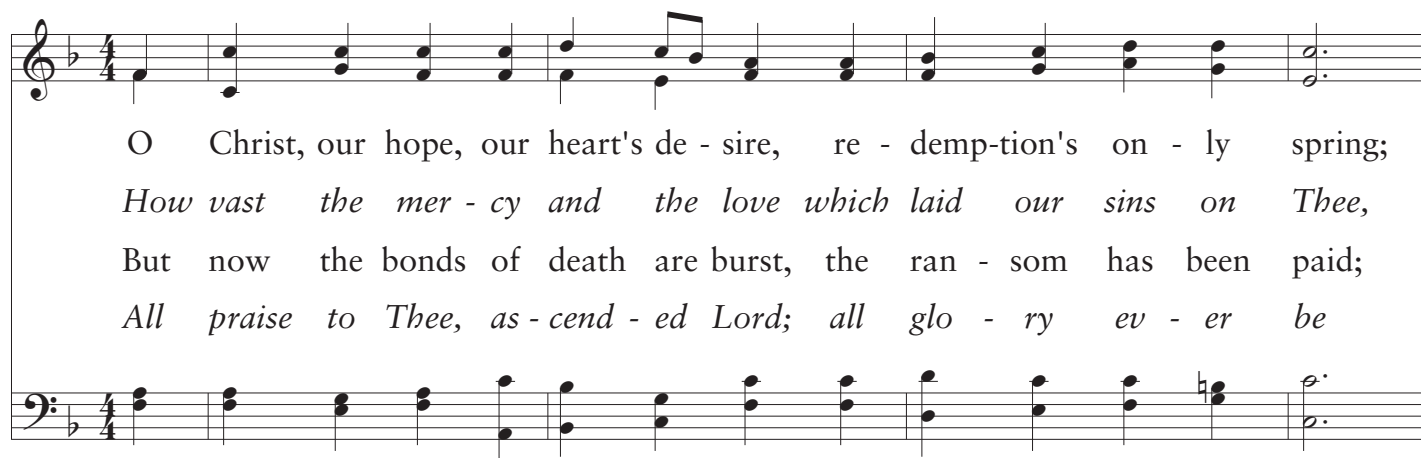
And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

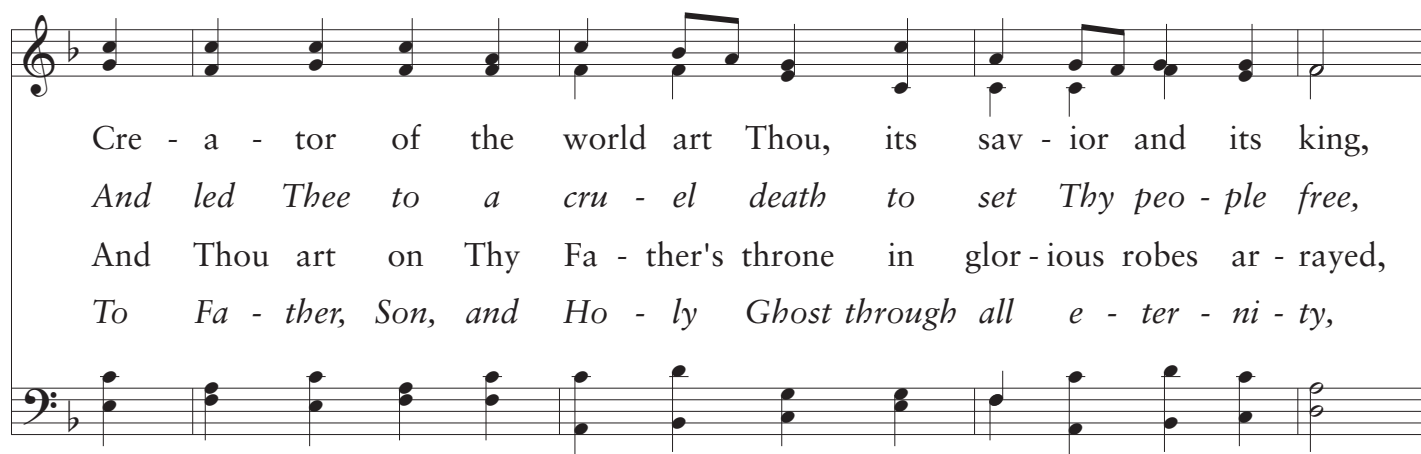
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

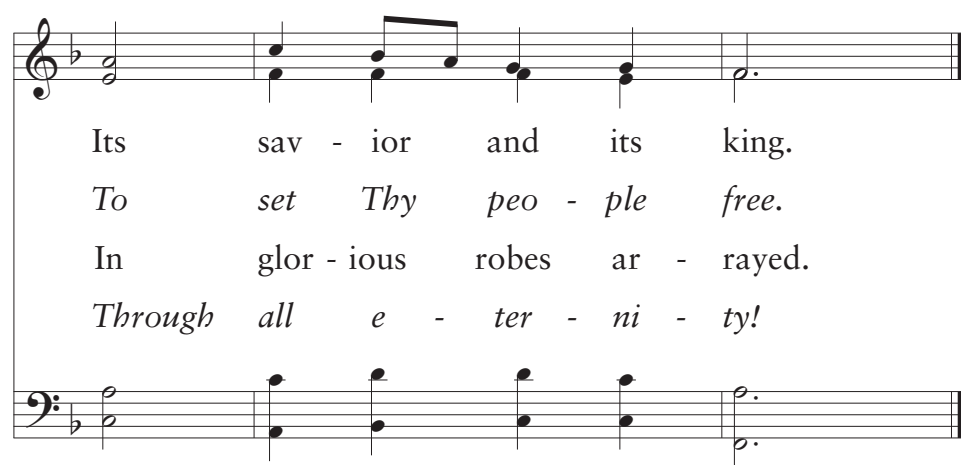
Congregational Hymn—O Christ, Our Hope



O Christ, our hope, our heart's de - sire, re - demp-tion's on - ly spring;
How vast the mer - cy and the love which laid our sins on Thee,
But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som has been paid;
All praise to Thee, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry ev - er be



Cre - a - tor of the world art Thou, its sav - ior and its king,
And led Thee to a cru - el death to set Thy peo - ple free,
And Thou art on Thy Fa - ther's throne in glor - ious robes ar - rayed,
To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost through all e - ter - ni - ty,



Its sav - ior and its king.
To set Thy peo - ple free.
In glor - ious robes ar - rayed.
Through all e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: Latin Hymn, 8th century. tr. John Chandler, 1837;
Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1560.

Sermon Text—Psalm 24:1-10

- The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,
2 for He has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.
- 3 Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in His holy place?
4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.
5 He will receive blessing from the Lord
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
6 Such is the generation of those who seek Him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah*
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
8 Who is this King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle!
9 Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
10 Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
He is the King of glory! *Selah*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, Vs. 1



Lift up your heads, ye migh-ty gates; be-hold, the King of_ glor-y waits;



The King of kings is draw - ing near; the Sav-ior of_ the world is here!

Text: George Weissel, 1642, tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1855;

Music: TRURO, Thomas Williams, 1789.

Sermon—*The Return Of The King*

—Pastor, James Crampton

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

The people of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Confession of Sin—based on Isaiah 59:1-4, 12-13

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or His ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.

All: For our hands are defiled with blood and our fingers with iniquity.

Pastor: Our lips have spoken lies; our tongues mutter wickedness.

All: We rely on empty pleas. We speak lies. We conceive mischief and give birth to iniquity.

Pastor: No one enters suit justly; no one goes to law honestly.

All: For our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities: transgressing, and denying the Lord, and turning back from following our God.

Assurance of Pardon—Isaiah 59:15-17, 20; Acts 1:8

The Lord saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no justice. He saw that there was no man and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then His own arm brought Him salvation, and His righteousness upheld Him. He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped Himself in zeal as a cloak. “And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression,” declares the Lord.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: This is the Word of the Lord.

Pastor: For Christ Himself confirmed: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses.”

All: “In Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Sung Response—Alleluia! Sing To Jesus, Vs. 2



Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now;



Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how;



Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him when the fort - y days were o'er



Shall our hearts for-get His pro - mise, “I am with you ev - er - more”?

Text: William C. Dix, 1867; Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855.

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM

God feeds the faith of His people by giving them a meal. As God fellowships with them in faith, His people pledge their obedience to God and their love for one another.

Profession of Faith—*The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
He was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died, and was buried;
and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and now sits on the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end;

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who together with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;

And we believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church—both seen and unseen;
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

WOMEN

MEN

Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S TABLE

This table is open to all baptized Christians who have made a profession of faith. You may come forward to receive the bread and wine or grape juice.

Congregational Hymn—My God, My Portion, And My Love



My God, My por - tion, and my Love, my ev - er - last - ing all,
What emp - ty things are all the skies, and this in - fe - rior clod!
Let all that dwells a - bove the sky, and air, and earth, and seas,
The whole cre - a - tion, join in one, to blessthe sa - cred name,



I've none but Thee in heav'n a - bove, or on this earth - ly ball.
There's no - thing here de - serves my joys, there's no - thing like my God.
Con - spire to lift Thy glo - ries high and speak Thine end - less praise.
Of Him that sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707; Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Samuel McFarland, c. 1814,
from William Walker's *The Southern Harmony*, 1854.

Congregational Hymn—This Is My Father's World



This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears

This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise,

This is my Fa - ther's world. O let me ne'er for - get



All na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.

The morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their ma - ker's praise.

That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ru - ler yet.



This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought

This is my Fa - ther's world: He shines in all that's fair;

This is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done:



Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the won - ders wrought.

In the rus - tling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me ev - ery - where.

Je - sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and Earth and Heav'n be one.

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; Music: TERRA BEATA, Franklin Sheppard, 1915.

GOD’S PEOPLE GRATEFULLY RESPOND WITH THEIR PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS, AND PRAISE

Praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship, moving our faith from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings. Offering boxes for both tithes and alms are located in the foyer.

Pastoral Prayer

Corporate Prayer—*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.

Congregational Psalm—The Earth Is The Lord's (Psalm 24)



GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. *Amen.*

Sung Response—A Hymn Of Glory Let Us Sing, Vs. 7

O ris-en Christ, a-scend-ed Lord, all praise to Thee let earth ac - cord,
A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia! Who art, while end - less ag - es run,
With Fa - ther and with Spir - it one. A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Announcements

Worship Notes:

I'd like to draw your attention to three seasonal changes in our worship service this week, some of which will continue throughout the summer months. First, June 1 is Ascension Sunday, one of the "five evangelical feasts" which are celebrated in most Christian traditions (along with Christmas, Easter, Good Friday, and Pentecost). This day commemorates the events of Acts 1:6-11 when Jesus completed His earthly ministry by ascending into Heaven, as mentioned in the hymns *A Hymn Of Glory Let Us Sing*, *O Christ, Our Hope*, and *Alleluia! Sing To Jesus*. Second, we're taking a break from the book of Acts and returning to Psalms for our sermon series, picking up right where we left off last summer. Each Sunday during this series, the final hymn of the service will be a setting of the psalm the pastor has just preached. Finally, in the center of the service where we profess our faith, we'll shift from saying the Apostles' Creed to the Nicene Creed. This year is the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, where this great statement of faith was first adopted, and we'll take these summer months to familiarize ourselves with this foundational document of the early church.

—Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: Lord, Holy Place, Righteousness, Salvation, Face, Gates, King, Glory

Keystone Verse: Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory! (Psalm 24:10)



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