

*May 21, 2023, 10:30 a.m.  
Ascension Sunday*

# Order of Worship

(\*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE “Adagio” (Bridge) Henry Repp

GREETING Kathleen Meredith

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Evelyn Cornwell

Let us gather in this space.

**We gather from many places.**

Let us center ourselves for worship.

**We are one in the Spirit with joy in our hearts.**

Let us receive God’s blessing.

**God’s blessing is ours. We are God’s beloved! Amen!**

\*OPENING HYMN “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” UMH 154

\*OPENING PRAYER Evelyn Cornwell

**Breath of God, renew us in this time of worship. Help us set aside thoughts that trouble us. Help us pause the challenges of the world that taunt us. Pour your spirit within each one of us, that we may be energized in this hour by your power and your grace. Amen.**

ANTHEM “We Worship As One” (Althouse) Chancel Choir

COMMUNITY PRAYER Kathleen Meredith

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Evelyn Cornwell

## Luke 24:44-53

<sup>44</sup> Then he said, “When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> And he said, “Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. <sup>47</sup> It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: ‘There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.’ <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of all these things.

<sup>49</sup>“And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.”

<sup>50</sup>Then Jesus led them to Bethany, and lifting his hands to heaven, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. <sup>52</sup>So they worshiped him and then returned to Jerusalem filled with great joy. <sup>53</sup>And they spent all of their time in the Temple, praising God.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God for this Word.**

SERMON “There is Hope in His Ascension” Kathleen Meredith

OFFERTORY “Walk With Me Now, Lord Jesus” (Maryott) Choir  
You may leave your offering in the plate in the narthex or scan one of the QR codes on the back of this bulletin to make your offering electronically.

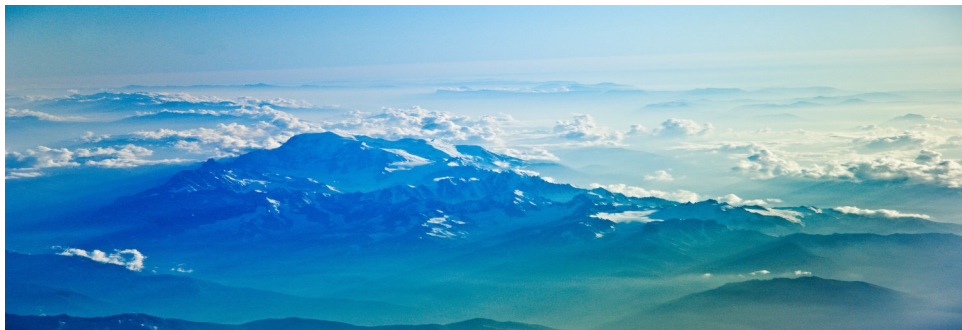
\*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Evelyn Cornwell  
**Endless source of life, pour your blessing upon the gifts we bring before you. Bless our giving in your abundance for the restoration of all people. Through our offering, may those who are weary be energized; may those who feel forgotten find a home. With the joy and hope of your grace filling our hearts, we pray. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN “Amazing Grace” UMH 378

\*BENEDICTION Kathleen Meredith

POSTLUDE “Festival Postlude” (Seifert) Henry Repp



## **This Week's Schedule**

**Monday, May 22**

**10 Chair Yoga (HH)**

**Wednesday, May 24**

**8-4 Bristol Glen Retreat HH**

**7 Meeting re: Smart Goals\***

**Thursday, May 25**

**7 Choir Rehearsal**

**Saturday, May 27**

**9-2 Treasures of Hope**

**Sunday, May 28**

**9 Joy Fellowship**

**(NO Sunday School)**

**10:30 Sanctuary Service**

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## **Today's Worship Leaders**

Certified Lay Servant  
Liturgist  
Organist/Music Director  
Greeter  
Camera Operator  
Soundboard Operator

Kathleen Meredith  
Evelyn Cornwell  
Henry Repp  
Fred Fox  
Jen Phlegar  
Jay Morrison