

∞ ORDER OF WORSHIP ∞

May 22, 2022 • 10:30 a.m.
Sixth Sunday of Easter

*“The ascension of Christ is an empirical and tangible
reminder of the blessed hope of eternity” --
-- Dr. James Edwards*

PRELUDE “Fairest Lord Jesus” arr. Diane Bish

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG “Open the Eyes of My Heart” Paul Baloche

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: It is written, “Everyone who calls on the name of
the Lord will be saved.”

**People: Create in us, O God, a clean heart and renew
a right spirit within us.**

Leader: When you call to Me, I will answer you; when you
are in trouble, I will be with you.

**People: Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after
righteousness for they shall be filled.**

Leader: **Let us worship God.**

PRAISE SONG “Shout to the Lord” Darlene Zschech

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God above and beyond, God beneath and within,
Sovereign of all space and time, You are our
Lord, and nothing is hidden from Your
discernment. When we conceal our
unhappiness behind a face of smiles, when we
mask our dislike behind a facade of friendliness,
when we cover our fears behind a shield of
self-confidence, remind us, Lord, that we
cannot hide from You. You see us from inside
out. You see behind the face, beneath the
surface, under the veneer. You know our inner
thoughts. our deepest feelings, our secret sins.
Forgive us for trying to hide from You. Amen.**

(moment for silent, personal prayer of confession)

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from John 5:24)

Leader: Jesus said, Verily I say unto you:

**People: Whoever hears my word and believes on
Him who sent Me,**

Leader: Hath everlasting life and shall not come into
condemnation.

People: But is passed from death to life.

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with
us all.

*GLORIA PATRI Hymn No. 622

CHILDREN’S TIME/and to the young at heart

ANTHEM “I Love the Lord” Hank Beebe

SCRIPTURE Acts 1:1-11

SERMON “Looking into the Sky”
“Why do you stand here, looking into the sky” (Acts:1:11).

*HYMN OF MEDITATION No. 369 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY Hymn No. 625

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)

*HYMN No. 409 “I Know Whom I Have Believed”

CHORAL BENEDICTION “Christ Be with Me” Traditional Irish

POSTLUDE “Celebration” Friedrich Kuhlaw

*Those who are able, please stand.

Welcome to our church today!

If you are a visitor, thank you for coming to worship with us. We invite you to fill out a Welcome Card, which you will find in the hymnal book holder in the pew. You may then put the card in the offering plate that will be passed to you during the offering. Please join us in friendship and a chance to say hello after the service. Let us know if we can assist you.

Covid Policy

We are updating our Covid restrictions to conform with state and county regulations. The use of a mask for services is a personal choice. Adjustments will be made as conditions demand.

WEB (Weekend Back Pack)

The WEB program delivers approximately 50 bags of food to students in the Dryden School District who are food insufficient. Please donate *Yogurt on the Go* for the month of May. There is a basket in the administrative wing that is labeled WEB for your donations.

Flowers

Providing flowers for the sanctuary during the worship service is another way to celebrate happy times or to honor/remember a loved one. If your flowers mark a special occasion that you wish to share with your church family, be sure to note that down on the flower calendar. Artificial flowers are a nice choice that can be used for more than one Sunday.

Rummage Sale

The rummage sale returns on June 3-4, 2022. It's time to donate all the things you cleaned out during the pandemic. (but not electronic equipment or skis) Please bring your treasures on Wednesday and Thursday, June 1st and 2nd. Please consider donating your time during the sale. We always need lots of help.

- - Presbyterian Women

For Prayer

Dave Gross, Bob Sincerbeaux, Christi LaPlant, William Merrill, Christopher DuPree, Connie Walker, and the father of Brenda Carpenter

A Thank You Party

Today, with hearts full of gratitude, we will share a thank-you party for Pastor Hicks. - - Church Life Committee.

May 22

Ushering: Carpenter family Flowers: Joan Watros

Ushers

Please think about being an usher. June offers many opportunities to serve. These are important ministries in the life of the church. An usher may be the first person a newcomer meets and can do a great deal to make that newcomer feel welcome. Please sign up to help!

Office Hours

The office hours of Pastor Jim Hicks, temporary pastor, are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon.
Pastor Jim Hicks – 607-898-5201- hicksjam@verizon.net

Worship for Next Sunday

May 29, 2022

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Matthew 4:18-19; John 21:21-22

Sermon: "His First Word and His Last"

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Verse:

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy holy.

Repeat all of the above, then:

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy holy.

Sing 4x

Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see You.

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Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You;
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love.
My Comfort, my Shelter,
Tower of refuge and Strength;
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am,
Never cease to worship You.

Refrain:

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing.
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your Name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

Repeat Verse

Repeat Refrain (2x)

Nothing compares to the promise I have,
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end.
Amen, Amen.

Text: *Gloria Patri*; Traditional, 2nd century
Music: *Meineke*, Christoph Meineke

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken
Music: Old Hundredth, Genevan Psalter, 1551; attributed to Louis Bourgeois

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Verse 1:

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my guide.

Verse 2:

O let me feel Thee near me,
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear:
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.

Verse 3:

O Jesus, Thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee,
That where Thou art in glory,
There shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.

Text: John E. Bode
Music: *Angel's Story*, Arthur H. Mann

I Know Whom I Have Believed

Verse 1:

I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me He hath made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
Redeemed me for His own.

Refrain:

But "I know whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto Him against that day."

Verse 2:

I know not how this saving faith
To me He did impart,
Nor how believing in His Word,
Wrought peace within my heart.

Refrain

Verse 3:

I know not how the Spirit moves,
Convincing men of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the Word,
Creating faith in Him.

Refrain

Verse 4:

I know not when my Lord may come,
At night or noontide fair,
Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him,
Or "meet Him in the air."

Text: Daniel W. Whittle, based on 2 Timothy 1:12b

Music: *El Nathan*, James McGranahan