

Hearing God's Call to Become Community

Prelude: "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" # 459

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn of Gathering:** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" # 91

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
2. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all; hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
3. O sinners, who can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall, go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all; go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
4. Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all; to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
5. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all; we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

Seeking God's Mercy and Pardon

*Responsive Call to Worship *Psalm 68.1-10; 32-35*
8:30am Ken Asher/10:30 Abigail Schwartz (See insert)

Proclaiming and Hearing the Word

Children's Message Rev. Schwartz & Abigail
Text *Acts 1.1-14* (NRSVA)
Message "Jesus...Gives Us a Mission?" Rev. Schwartz

* = *Please stand*

Time for Giving

Call for Our Offerings 8:30am Ken Asher/10:30am Roy McLellan
***Doxology:** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" # 46
Prayer of Dedication

Receiving the Visible and Tangible Signs of God's Grace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Congregational/Pastoral Prayer
Communion Meditation and Invitation 8:30am Rev. Schwartz/10:30am Roy McLellan
The Lord's Prayer
Communion Music: "Above All" MSPW2 #77
*Come forward to the Lord's Table to partake of Communion

Departing to Serve Where God Leads

Closing Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story" # 480

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet. I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy word. **Refrain**
3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungry and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. **Refrain**

*Benediction Rev. Schwartz
Postlude: "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" # 484

May 21, 2023

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Liturgical Color: White

Acts 1.1-14 (NRSVA)

¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. ‘This’, he said, ‘is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ ⁷He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

L: Christ is Risen!

P: He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

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Sunday May 21, 2023 8:30am ☩ 10:30a.m.

Welcome! May your journey of Faith be encouraged while you seek God here today.