



June 1, 2025—8:30 and 9:45 am
Sanctuary

The Lord, by his ascension into heaven, has opened up access to the heavenly kingdom, which Adam had shut. For having entered it in his flesh, as it were in our name, it follows that we are in a manner seated in the heavenly places, not entertaining a mere hope of heaven, but possessing it in our covenantal Head. (John Calvin, Institutes)

Prelude *Improvisation on "Holy, Holy, Holy"* Benjamin Barker

Community Life Update

Choral Introit *Forever King*

Who is God that we should praise Him? Who is He that we should sing?
Who is this exalted Savior, crown'd the everlasting King?
Why fall at His feet in worship, Alleluias to Him bring?

Architect of ev'ry atom, Author of each passing hour,
Chief of all the changing seasons, Maker of each field and flow'r,
Speaking all into existence, God of majesty and pow'r!

Morning stars all sing together! Shout for joy, ye sons of God!
Rocks and stones, O be not silent! Streams and rivers give Him laud!
Clouds that frame the dome of heaven, sound your thunder and applaud!

Can creation fail to praise Him? How can we refuse to sing?
Come fall at His feet in worship, Alleluias to Him bring!
Reigning in eternal brightness, crown our Christ forever King!

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Rocks and stones, O be not silent! Streams and rivers give Him laud!
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Call to Worship Acts 1:6-11

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

** Please stand if you are able.*

*Hymn of Praise

Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia! To his throne above the skies; Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Alleluia! Enters now the highest heav'n, Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits, Alleluia! Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!
He hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia! Take the King of glory in, Alleluia!

See, he lifts his hands above! Alleluia! See, he shows the prints of love! Alleluia!
Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia! Blessings on his church below, Alleluia!

Lord, beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia! Raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia!
There thy face unclouded see, Alleluia! Find our heaven of heavens in thee! Alleluia!

"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" Words: Charles Wesley; Music: LLANFAIR, Welsh melody, arr. John Roberts; CCLI Song # 702841.5

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Joy

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his Name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

"Jesus Shall Reign" Words: Isaac Watts, Public Domain, 1719; Music: John Hatton, Public Domain, 1793

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:1-3, 12-16

Affirmation of Faith

Q. How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

A. First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our flesh as a full guarantee in heaven that Christ our head, will also take us, his members up to himself. Third, he sends us, as a guarantee on earth, his Spirit by whose power we seek what is above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God, and not things that are on earth.

Confession of Sin

1 John 2:1-5

Moment of Silent Confession

Words of Grace and Peace

1 John 3:1-2

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are... Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

*Song of Worship

K4-K5 may leave for Kids Ministry.

8:30 am—One parent will need to escort the child to volunteers in the Commons Area for Kids Church.

9:45 am—One parent will need to escort the child downstairs to join Kids Sunday School.

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders,
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts no power no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart; his wounds have paid my ransom.

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Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 3

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Mark Reed

Communion Prayer and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*An usher will invite you forward. The elements offered by the elders can be taken at your pew at any time.
If you are unable to come forward, raise your hand to be served at your pew.*

Communion Hymns

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold, through life's fearful path.
For my love is often cold, he must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.*

Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost, his promises shall last.
Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.

For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied, he will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast.
Till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last.

*"He Will Hold Me Fast" Words: Ada Ruth Habershon (v. 1-2) and Matt Merker; Music: Matt Merker
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Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

Turn your eyes to the hillside where justice and mercy embrace;
there the Son of God gave His life for us, and our measureless debt was erased.

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes—Jesus, our glory and our prize.

We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true; O Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.

Turn your eyes to the morning and see Christ the lion awake!
What a glorious dawn fear of death is gone, for we carry His life in our veins.

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Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Response

Turn your eyes to the heavens: our King will return for His own;
every knee will bow, every tongue will shout, "All glory to Jesus alone!"

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes—Jesus, our glory and our prize.

We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true; O Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.

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*Benediction

*Postlude

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Preacher: Mark Reed, Executive Pastor

Liturgists: Jason Yon, Local Outreach and Mercy Director

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Discover how the stories of early believers, reformers, and movements across centuries still shape the church's mission today. This elective will explore key moments in church history that challenge, inspire, and equip us to live more faithfully in the present. Let the past be your guide to a more vibrant and grounded faith! Join Adam Betterton, Mark Reed and Tim Pitzer as they lead us on this historical journey!

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