



May 17, 2026—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... 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 *O Worship the King* arr. Marianne Kim

Community Life Update

PRAISING THE CREATOR

\*Call to Worship from Psalm 47

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples!

**All: Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**

Leader: For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,

**All: a great king over all the earth.**

Leader: God has gone up with a shout,

**All: the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.**

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

**All: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

Leader: For God is the King of all the earth;

**All: sing praises with a psalm!**

Leader: God reigns over the nations;

**All: God sits on his holy throne.**

\*Hymn of Praise

O Most High, King of the ages, Great I AM, God of wonders,  
By the blood You have redeemed us, led us through mighty waters  
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation.

*Now to the Lamb upon the throne*

*Be blessing, honor, glory, power for the battle You have won. Hallelujah!*

*With every tribe and every tongue*

*We join the anthem of the angels in the triumph of the Son. Hallelujah! Amen.*

O Most High, dwelling among us, Son of man sent for sinners,

By Your blood You have redeemed us, spotless Lamb, mighty Savior,

Who lived, who died, who rose victorious. *(continued)*

\* Please stand if you are able.

O Most High, King of the nations, robed in praise, crowned with splendor,  
On that day who will not tremble, when You stand, Christ the Victor,  
Who was, and is, and is forever.

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New Testament Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Prayer of Adoration

Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, No. 49

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.**

\*Hymn of Joy

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 # 7028415*

#### LAMENTING THE FALL

Confession of Sin

1 John 2:1-5

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected.

Moment of Silent Confession

#### CHERISHING REDEMPTION

Words of Grace and Peace

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## Choral Offering

When I am gone, don't you cry for me, don't you pity my sorry soul.  
What pain there might have been will now be past and my spirit will be whole.

I'll be on my way! I'll be on my way!  
I'll have left my feet of clay upon the ground, I will be glory bound. I'll be on my way!

When I am gone, please forgive the wrongs that I might have done to you.  
There'll be no room for regrets up there, high above, way beyond the blue.

I'll be on my way! I'll be on my way!  
I'll have laid my frown and all my burdens down, I'll be puttin' on my crown. I'll be on my way!

When I am gone, don't you look for me in the places I have been;  
I'll be alive, but somewhere else: I'll be on my way again!

I'll be on my way! I'll be on my way!  
I will lift my wings and soar into the air, there'll be glory everywhere. I'll be on my way!

I'll be on my way! I'll be on my way!  
I'll have laid my frown and all my burdens down, I'll be puttin' on my crown. I'll be on my way!

I'll have left my feet of clay upon the ground, I will be glory bound. I'll be on my way!

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## \*Hymn of Hope

*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.*

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

I am bound (*I am bound*) I am bound (*I am bound*)  
I am bound for promised land,  
I am bound (*I am bound*) I am bound (*I am bound*)  
I am bound for promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath, can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest?

*"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand" Words: John Rippon, Public Domain, 1930;*

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## LONGING FOR RESTORATION

### Pastoral Prayer

### Scripture Reading

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

Psalm 4

### Sermon

*The Lord Hears Me*

Scott Puckett

Time of Silent Prayer

\*Song of Response

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone—Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ in which we stand.

*Oh sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal.  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess, Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good—God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave what will we sing? Christ He lives—Christ He lives!  
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy when Christ is ours forevermore!

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\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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**Assisting in Worship Today:**

Preacher: Scott Puckett, Engage the World Pastor    Liturgist: Neel Skelton, Worship and Formation Pastor

May Elective Continues— Finding Peace: A Christian Perspective on Anxiety  
Learning Commons at 9:45 am

May 31—Worship on the Field—One service at 9:45 am

We love when our whole congregation can worship together! This special service will include a commissioning service at the end to commemorate two of our long-time pastors, Curtis DuBose and Neel Skelton who are moving on to their next ministry callings. Afterwards, bring your lunch and picnic with us for a relaxed time of community with friends new and old! Kids, youth and adult Sunday School will not meet this day. Nursery and Kids Church (K4/K5) will be available. Bring your chair, bring a friend, and come!

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