

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 17, 2026

Ascension Sunday

We Gather As God's Children

Welcome and Announcements

Centring Music He Is Exalted *Twila Paris arr. Mark Hayes*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Sing to God, all the earth.

Sing the glory of God's name!

Give to God glory and praise!

All the earth worships you, O God.

We light the Christ candle and praise your name forever.

Hymn **And on This Path** (More Voices 8)

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1 And on this path,
the gates of holiness are open wide,
and on this path,
the gates of holiness are open wide,
and on this path,
the gates of holiness are open wide!
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide
The gates are open wide!

2 So enter in
the gates of holiness are open wide,
so enter in
the gates of holiness are open wide,
so enter in
the gates of holiness are open wide!
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!
The gates are open wide!

Morning Prayer

A Time to Wonder

We Listen For God's Word

Scripture Readings

Acts 1: 1-11

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Reflection "Some Day Never Comes"

Hymn of the Day **Psalm 91, On Eagle's Wings**
(Voices United 808)

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1 You who dwell in the shelter of our God,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: 'My refuge,
my Rock in whom I trust.'

Refrain 'And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.'

2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under God's wings your refuge,
God's faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

3 You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

4 For to God's angels is given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

'And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.'
'And hold you,
hold you in the palm of my hand.'

We Live Out Our Faith to Love and Serve

Invitation to Offering

Offering Music Old Time Religion Medley
Traditional Spiritual arr. M. Hayes

Offering Response **Ev'ry Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving**
(More Voices 185)

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Ev'ry day is a day of Thanksgiving.
God, you've been so good to me.
Ev'ry day you're blessing me.
Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.
I will glorify you, O my God, today!

Offering Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn **We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection** (Voices United 586)

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- 1 We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.
- 2 We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.

Benediction

Postlude You Shall Go Out With Joy *Stuart Dauermann*

Worship Leadership – Pastor Beth Parsons
Music Leadership – Glenn Parsons and the CBUC Choir
The Life and Work of the Church – Stephen Godfrey
Lighting of the Christ Candle – The Spirit Kids
The Spirit Kids Program – Grace Cave and Moira Dennis
Morning Prayer – Karen Strawn Samis
Scripture Reading – Bill Samis
Greeters – Donna Loglisci and Myrna Pringle
Technical Support – Rob Glenn and Jiemei Li
Fellowship Time – Ethel Wilson Women's Group
Flowers are offered by Myrna Pringle
in celebration of the life of her husband, Tom Pringle.