



The ascension cloud confounded Jesus' first disciples
as it took him from their presence.
But that famous cloud did something else.
It lifted their eyes above the flatness of life.
It raised their imagination above the above
the predictability of their days.
It forced them . . . to take the Holy Spirit's power seriously.
Challenged with the unknown and
plunged back into demanding discipleship,
this fragile little community would now find
its strength from prayer and
its lead from the power of the Holy Spirit.
—Peter W. Marty

Ascension Sunday

May 16, 2021

Lake Shore Baptist Church

Prelude

“Prelude on ‘All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name’”
arr. Jack Jones
Cindy Fuller

Welcome

Vern Sauter

We are a welcoming and affirming community of Christians, attempting to discover, articulate, and embody the meaning of the Gospel in the world today. We welcome all at Lake Shore because we believe that God's love knows no bounds.

Passing of the Peace

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.
MANY: And also with you.

Invocation

Jon Snyder

Call to Worship

Psalms 47:5-8

ONE: God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
MANY: the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.
ONE: Sing praises to our God, sing praises;
MANY: sing praises to our King, sing praises.
ONE: For God is the Lord of all the earth;
MANY: sing to the Lord a psalm of praise.
ONE: God reigns over the nations;
MANY: God is seated on the holy throne.

Congregational Song “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

NICAEA

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - migh - ty!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - migh - ty!

Ear - ly in the mor - ning our song shall rise to thee;
Cas - ting down their gol - den crowns a - round the glas - sy sea;
Though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see;
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty,
Che - ru - bim and se - ra - phim fal - ling down be - fore thee,
On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty,

God in three per - sons, bles - sed Tri - ni - ty!
God e - ver li - ving, through e - ter - ni - ty.
Per - fect in power, in love, and pur - i - ty.
God in three per - sons, bles - sed Tri - ni - ty!

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:44-53

Grant Dooley

ONE: This is the Gospel of Grace.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message

Gift of Music

“Lord of the Dance”

Sydney Carter

Erin Cline

Pastoral Prayer

Sharlande Sledge

“Blessing for Ascension Sunday” by Jan Richardson

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:15-19

Richard Groves

ONE: This is the Word of the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“A Prayer for the Church”

Pastoral Benediction

Congregational Benediction

“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”

DARWALL’S 148th

Re - joice the Lord is King! The ris - en Christ a - dore! Re -
joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more; lift up your heart, lift
up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Postlude

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

arr. Lloyd Larson

Cindy Fuller

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