

# Ascension Sunday

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6:00 pm Worship Service



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## **Important Reminders for Our Service Today**

- Please do not sit in the marked off pews.
- Masks should be worn (including during congregational singing) by all except those with medical conditions that prevent wearing them, and small children.
  - Please ensure that your mask covers your mouth and nose at all times.
- Please dispose of all single-use items (cups, bulletins, wipes) after the service, leaving nothing in your pew.
- You should not attend services if you have a temperature over 100.4°, or if you have symptoms related to, or a diagnosis of, COVID-19, or if you know you have been exposed in the last 14 days to someone with symptoms related to, or a diagnosis of, COVID-19.
- We are grateful to the congregation for their cooperation and understanding.

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*Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure electronic devices are off or using silent mode.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Congregational Prayer**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

**\*Hymn**

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

No. 289

## A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

Why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus ... will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven. Acts 1:11

1. A hymn of glo - ry let us sing; new songs thro' - out the world shall  
 2. The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives  
 3. To whom the an - gels, draw - ing nigh: "Why stand and gaze up - on the  
 4. "A - gain shall ye be - hold him so as ye to - day have seen him

ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
 stand; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his fol - low - ers they  
 sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they  
 go, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! in glo - rious pomp as - cend - ing

trod, as - cend - eth to the throne of God.  
 see Je - sus' re - splen - dent maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 say, "this is his no - ble tri - umph day." high, up to the por - tals of the sky."

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**\*Psalm:** Psalm 47

*Minister:* Clap your hands, all peoples!

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

<sup>2</sup> For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,

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

<sup>3</sup> He subdued peoples under us,

**and nations under our feet.**

<sup>4</sup> He chose our heritage for us,

**the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

<sup>5</sup> God has gone up with a shout,

**the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

<sup>6</sup> Sing praises to God, sing praises!

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

<sup>7</sup> For God is the King of all the earth;

**sing praises with a psalm!**

<sup>8</sup> God reigns over the nations;

**God sits on his holy throne.**

<sup>9</sup> The princes of the peoples gather

**as the people of the God of Abraham.**

For the shields of the earth belong to God;

**he is highly exalted!**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

**\*Hymn**

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

No. 290

# Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

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*Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Ps. 24:7*

1. Hail the day that sees him rise Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. There for him high tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. See, he lifts his hands a - bove! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Lord, be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

to his throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 See, he shows the prints of love! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 raise our hearts to reach thy height; Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 he hath con - quered death and sin, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow Al - le - lu - ia!  
 there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*

en - ters now the high - est heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 bless - ings on his church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee! Al - le - lu - ia!

**Catechism:** Questions #46, 47, 49, 50, 51 of the *Heidelberg Catechism*

*Minister:* What do you mean by saying, “[Christ] ascended to heaven”?

**Congregation:** That Christ,  
while his disciples watched,  
was lifted up from the earth to heaven  
and will be there for our good  
until he comes again  
to judge the living and the dead.

*Minister:* But isn't Christ with us until the end of the world as he promised us?

**Congregation:** Christ is truly human and truly God.  
In his human nature Christ is not now on earth;  
but in his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit  
he is not absent from us for a moment.

*Minister:* How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

**Congregation:** First, he pleads our cause  
in heaven  
in the presence of his Father.

Second, we have our own flesh in heaven—  
a guarantee that Christ our head  
will take us, his members,  
to himself in heaven.

Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth  
as a further guarantee.  
By the Spirit's power  
we make the goal of our lives,  
not earthly things,  
but the things above where Christ is,  
sitting at God's right hand.

*Minister:* Why [do you confess that Christ] “is seated at the right hand of God”?

**Congregation:** Christ ascended to heaven,  
there to show that he is head of his church,  
and that the Father rules all things through him.

*Minister:* How does this glory of Christ our head benefit us?

**Congregation:** First, through his Holy Spirit  
he pours out his gifts from heaven  
upon us his members.

Second, by his power  
he defends us and keeps us safe  
from all enemies.

## **Prayer**

## **Ministry Report**

Joshua Tsavatewa: Sacred Road & Hope Fellowship

## **Scripture Lesson**

Luke 19:1-10 (ESV)

**19** He entered Jericho and was passing through. **2** And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. **3** And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. **4** So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. **5** And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” **6** So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. **7** And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” **8** And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” **9** And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. **10** For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

## **Sermon**

“The Eyes of a Friend”

## **\*Hymn**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

No. 296

# All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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*God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name.*  
Phil. 2:9

1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar call;  
 3. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall,  
 4. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all;  
 ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod, and crown him Lord of all;  
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;  
 go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;

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5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry 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.

6. 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.

**\*Benediction**

**+Silent Prayer**

**Postlude**

**\*Congregation standing**

**+The congregation is invited to kneel**

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### **Explanation of the Cover Symbol**

In the Greek language of the early Christian era abbreviations were typically the first and last letters of words, often with a superscription to indicate the missing letters. IC is a standard abbreviation of IHCOYC, the Greek “Jesus,” XC the abbreviation of XPICTOC, “Christ;” NIKA means “He conquers.” The symbol then reads “Jesus Christ Conquers by the Cross” or “Jesus Christ Victor.”