

Service of Word  
Season of Easter

May 17th, 2026

11:00 am

Gathering

Prelude

Introit

"Majesty"

UMH 176

Words of Welcome

Pastor Josh

\*Call to Worship

Easter people, we gather today to remember Christ's Ascension, when Jesus was taken up into heaven while blessing his disciples, marking not the end but the next chapter of God's salvific work among us.

**We come to bless God who continues to bless us with all that we need to live with creation and in community as God's Resurrection people.**

Your throne, O God, is established from of old!

**You are from everlasting!**

More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the LORD!

**God put this power to work in Christ when he was raised from the dead and seated at God's right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule, authority, power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.**

Sing Praises to God, Sing praises!

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

\*Prayer of Approach          Prayer of Ascension

Lord of life, We do not know the face of the future, any more than your disciples did.

**Like them, we have many questions. Like them, we thirst for the spring waters of the Spirit to inspire our living and give us a heart language in our witness.**

Jesus, You have been raised in glory that we might rise with dignity.

**We revere your Holy Name and yearn for the time when God's Kingdom of justice and peace is realized on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

\*Sharing Peace

As a people forgiven and freed, we reach out to lift others up, offering the peace of Christ. Peace be with you!

**And also with you!**

*You are invited to share the Peace with those around you [remembering to send your peace through the camera to those worshipping remotely]\**

Hymn of Praise

"Open My Eyes , That I May See"

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Proclamation & Response

Call to Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and power, and glory forever. Amen**

Children's Time

Call to the Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

Hymn of Preparation

"His Name is Wonderful"

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Anthem

Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson

John 21:15-17

New Testament Lesson

Acts 4:32-35

Message

Living the Sequel

Pastor Josh

Sending Fourth

\*Sending Hymn

"Victory in Jesus"

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\*Benediction

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Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Tommy Venters- Organist/Choir Director  
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JoAnn Herring- We Care