

MAY 17, 2026 **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** **11:00 AM**
ASCENSION SUNDAY

GATHERING, PRELUDE, Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee **89**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 24 Day of Pentecost
27-29 – Annual Conference in Baltimore

CALL TO WORSHIP / OPENING PRAYER Ps. 68: 1–10, 32–35 dwh

Let us all rejoice before God.
Sing to God, all peoples of the world.
Sing praises to God most high.
From the sanctuary of heaven, God gives life
and renews the face of the earth.

Let us all be joyful!
We bring our praises to God.

HYMN: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise **103**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Eph. 1: 15–23; Luke 24: 44–53

Come Holy Spirit, open our minds
that we may see your life giving power in Scripture.
Enlighten our hearts that we may see Christ in all we meet;
in the name of the one, holy, and living God,
to whom we give all glory. Amen.

SCRIPTURE:

Special Series: Romans 12:1-8,
Lectionary: Acts 1: 1–11, Ephesians 1: 15–23

CONFESSON 1 Pet. 5: 7 FotW

God not only desires our repentance,
but longs to offer us forgiveness.
Therefore, we cast all our anxiety on God:

Loving God, we confess that we do not always
bring honor and glory to your name.
We are rebellious and weak; we flee before your goodness.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
by the grace and mercy of Christ,
that we may rise up again in peace
to love and serve your world. Amen.

{silent prayers}

ASSURANCE Acts 1: 8; Eph. 1: 19; Luke 24: 47–48

God's power to pardon is immeasurable.
Therefore, it is our joy to proclaim this good news
to the ends of the earth:

Through the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

CHOIR: I Love To Tell The Story **156**

EASTER SERMON SERIES Embracing an Adverbial Faith
Week 6: Disciples Transform the World

HYMN: Christ The Lord Is Risen Today **302**

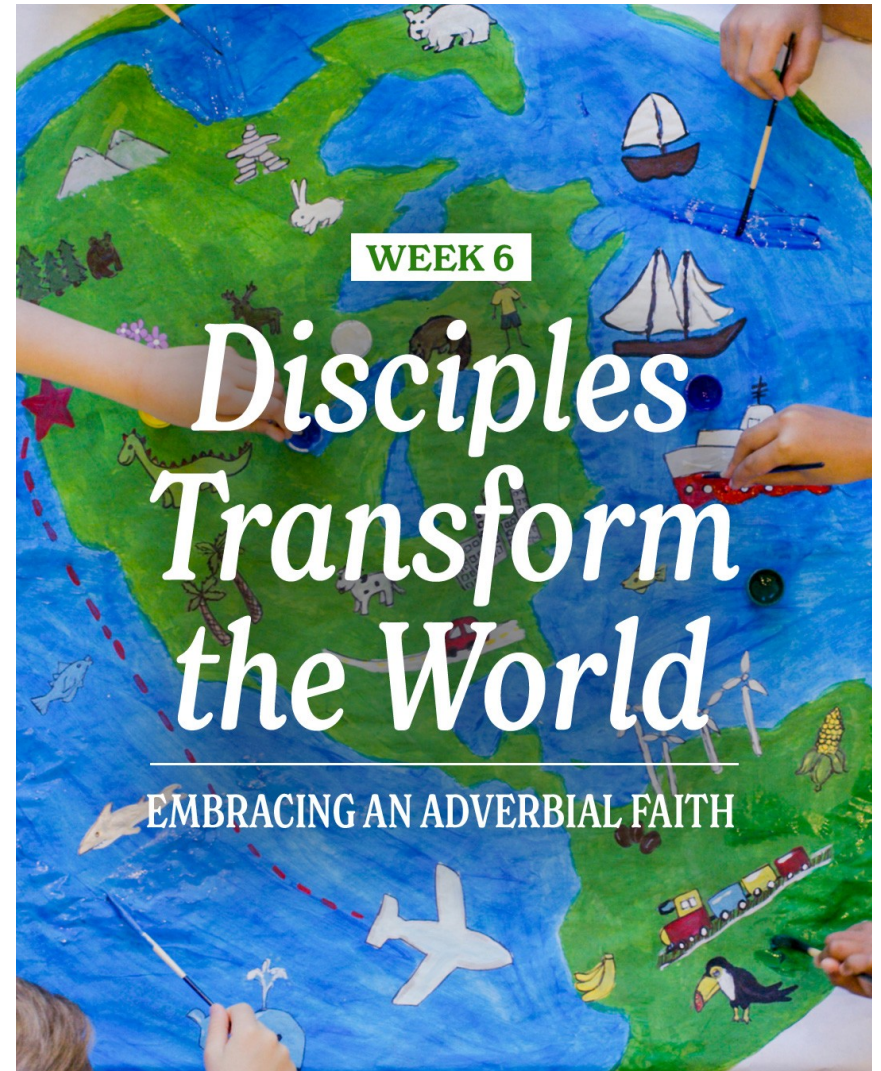
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INTERCESSIONS		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		895
BRINGING OUR GIFTS		
DOXOLOGY		95
PRAYER	Ps. 68: 9; John 17: 1-17	FotW
	<p>Glorious God, everything that is given to us rains forth out of the abundance of your love! Bless the gifts we bring, and our lives together that all we are and all we offer bring glory to you; in the name of Christ, who is the way, truth, and life. Amen.</p>	
HYMN:	<u>O Jesus, I Have Promised</u>	396
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		FotW
	<p>God's Spirit is poured out upon us to strengthen and transform us that we may proclaim God's Son to the ends of the earth. May the glory of God fill you with praise, the beauty of Christ strengthen you in service, and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace.</p>	
	<p>Amen</p>	
POSTLUDE	<u>Lift Every Voice and Sing</u>	519

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Scriptures for 5/24 - Day of Pentecost

Numbers 11:24-30	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Acts 2:1-21	John 20:19-23



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Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

Year A – May 17, 2026 Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Scriptures:

Acts 1: 6–14 1 Peter 4: 12–14; 5: 6–11
Psalm 68: 1–10, 32–35 John 17: 1–11

Questions for Reflection:

Where have you experienced God's welcome in your life?
Where have you experienced God's welcome in your church?
If we are to be one with Christ, as Christ is one with God,
how can our church become a more compelling witness
to God's radical invitation to homecoming?

Morning Prayers:

Delivering God, you have safely brought me to this new day.
Keep me free from all dangers, perils, and troubles.
By the power of your Spirit, strengthen my focus
as I seek to follow Christ and to humbly serve your truth. Amen.

Evening Prayers:

Redeeming God, by your mighty hand
you have safely brought me to this night,
and for this and all other mercies, I give you thanks.
Post your angels around me this night that I may rest in peace. Amen.

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Year A – May 17, 2026 Ascension Sunday

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Scriptures:

Acts 1: 1–11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93
Ephesians 1: 15–23 Luke 24: 44–53

Questions for Reflection:

The risen & ascended Christ promises to send us power from on high.
How do I use such "soul force"
to bring forgiveness, blessing, and love to others?

Morning Prayers:

Holy God, I give thanks this day that your Son ascends
in the core of my being as new life arises in me.
Open the eyes of my heart this day to seek and serve you
in all whom I meet. Amen.

Evening Prayers:

I repent of the wrongs I have done this day,
and seek forgiveness by the grace of your love.
Clothe me with power on high this night
that my life may rest hidden in you. Amen.

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