

## May 29, 2022

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" Handbell Choir  
arr. by Janet Linker and Jane McFadden

Greeting/Life of the Church Pastor Andy Wagner

\*\*Call to Worship

L: In awe and wonder, we lift our eyes to the heavens. We raise our songs of joy to the Ruler of all time and space.

**P: Sing praises to God, sing praises; Shout to God with loud songs of joy.**

L: We gather to remember to One who shared our common lot. Jesus Christ, who visited this earth, dwells in heaven.

**P: We celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus. We rejoice in the hope to which Christ has called us.**

L: We open ourselves to baptism with the Holy Spirit. We expect to be empowered as witnesses in today's world.

**P: May God's ways be known within and among us. May God guide all nations in ways of peace. Amen.**

\*\*Opening Hymn

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (v.1,2,5,6) UMH#154

Opening Prayer (unison)

**As Christ ascended to heaven, our spirits are lifted to you this day, O God. Your Spirit fills all the universe. We dwell within your embrace and cannot escape from your watchful care. You are with us here, choosing us as apostles and instructing us in the way we should go. Focus our limited understanding on the person of Jesus, that all he did and taught might come alive in us during this hour. Grant to us convincing proof of your promises as we welcome your winds of change in our lives. Amen.**

Prayer Hymn "He Is Lord" (2x) UMH#177

Prayers of the Faithful & 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Carol Stewart

Offertory "America, the Beautiful"

Samuel Ward/Marilyn Ham

\*\*Doxology

UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**May our offerings express our care for one another and our commitment to serve the world in the name of Christ. Help us to use well all the resources you entrust to us. Equip us, as forgiven and forgiving people, to carry the good news to people we meet every day as well as to unknown sisters and brothers who live in desperate circumstances we can scarcely imagine. May our gifts and our lives praise you. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

Acts 1: 1-11

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Ministry of Music

Handbell Choir

"Standin' in the Need of Prayer"

arr. by Valerie W. Stephenson

Sermon

"To the Ends of the Earth"

Pastor Andy Wagner

\*\*Closing Hymn

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

UMH#327

\*\*Sending Forth

Postlude

"God Bless the U.S.A."

Carol Stewart  
Lee Greenwood



*Altar Flowers are given by Paul & Virginia Pinkerton  
in honor of all service men and women.*

## Scripture Lesson – Acts 1:1-11

### The Promise of the Holy Spirit

**1** In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach **2** until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. **3** After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. **4** While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; **5** for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

### The Ascension of Jesus

**6** So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" **7** He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. **8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." **9** When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. **10** While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. **11** They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

### WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew. We welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon.

# The Ascension of Jesus



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**We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation**

**May 29, 2022**

### Worship Team

Ushers	Bill Turner, Mike Tittle, Rick Smith, Butch Smith
Greeters	Harry Osman, Alice Osman
Liturgist	Chad Mossing
Acolytes	Evelyn Mahan
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bell Director	Jim McPeek
Choir Director	Glen Shaw



Monday 30	MEMORIAL DAY	OFFICE	CLOSED
	Cub Scouts	6:00 pm	FH 15 A-B
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15 C
Tuesday 31			
Wednesday 1	SPRC	7:00 pm	Library
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday 2	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
	Xenia Woman's Club Luncheon	12:00 pm	FH 15 A & Kitchen
	Ad Board Special Meeting	7:00 pm	FCC
Friday 3	UMC Annual Conference	All Day	Virtual
Saturday 4	UMC Annual Conference	All Day	Virtual
Sunday 5	Sunday School	9:15 am	Rm 11, 15 C, 16A, Parlor
	Worship Service	10:30 am	Sanctuary
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Scripture Lesson

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Acts 2: 1-21

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**PENTECOST MUSICIAN RECOGNITION LUNCHEON: June 5th** will be our first combined worship service at the 10:30 hour. It is also a very special day in the life of the church. It is Pentecost, the birthday of the church. We are celebrating this day with a light lunch following the service. Please plan on staying and joining in the fellowship with your Faith family. SPRC would also like to recognize the many groups that provide the music which enhances our worship experience. Please plan on staying and joining in the fellowship and recognition of our church musicians.



**SAVE THE DATE!:** Vacation Bible School is coming **June 20-24, 9:30am-12:00pm** for children 4 years to entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade. It will be MONUMENTAL! Come be a part of this year's adventure. There are many areas needing help: classroom assistants, crafts, baking and decorating. If you are able to help, please email or call Betsy Murray at (937) 768-1143 [gmama9875@aol.com](mailto:gmama9875@aol.com) or Joyce Smith at (937) 372-6576 [jes1129@aol.com](mailto:jes1129@aol.com).

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