

Mother's Day May 12, 2024

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Carol Stewart
"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Nageli, Skillings/Marilynn Ham
And "The Bond of Love" Nageli, Skillings/Marilynn Ham

**Call to Worship

On Ascension Sunday we celebrate Christ's return to God.

We look up in wonder as he is lifted from us into heaven!

Now is not the time to gaze upward. There is work to be done.

Jesus has entrusted the ministry of God's love to us.

Let's get to work!

Let's ready our hearts for the work ahead with our praise and worship!

**Opening Hymn "To God Be the Glory" UMH #98

Opening Prayer (unison)

Risen Christ, be present in our lives and in our worship. Help us recognize and celebrate your presence. Grant us the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may answer the call to be your disciples and bring your message of love to the world. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Blessed Assurance" UMH #369

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.

Offering/Offertory

Carol Stewart
"Jesus Loves Me" Bradbury, Bliss/Harold DeCou
and "Jesus Loves Even Me" Bradbury, Bliss/Harold DeCou

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Glorious God, may these gifts bring glory to you and grace to your world. May our lives and our ministry reflect your love, and may we spread your message of love throughout the world. Amen.

**Gospel Reading

John 17:6-19

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music

Suzanne Bandy, vocal solo; Erika Stone, guitar
"Turn Your Eyes" Sovereign Grace

Sermon

"Jesus' Desire for Us"

Rev. Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

UMH #526

**Sending Forth

Postlude

Carol Stewart
"The Love of God" F.M. Lehman/ Marilynn Ham



Gospel Reading – John 17:6-19 (NIV)

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

⁶ “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

¹³ “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon. We would love to get to know you, please take a moment to provide your information in the attendance register located in each pew.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

Mother's Day

May 12, 2024 - Worship Team

Ushers	Eric Fleming, Micah Fleming Mike Tittle, Butch Smith
Greeters	Glen Shaw, Carol Shaw
Liturgist	Suzanne Bandy
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bells Director	Jim McPeek
Choir Director	Melody Kelley



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Saturday 18			
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