

MAY 17, 2026 8:10AM

ASCENSION SUNDAY

WELCOME

Heather Harriss

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GREETINGS FROM THE CONGO CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Rev. Bill Lovell,
Bishop Kalema Tambwe Antoine

CENTERING PRAYER

**Blessed Creator, it can be hard for our minds to comprehend Jesus coming back to life
and rising into the clouds, but we are thankful for how you give us new beginnings
and the assurance that you will always be with us.
Give us hope and peace in these promises. Amen.**

PRELUDE

Bill Cooper, piano

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Clap your hands, all you people; shout to God with songs of joy! Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up to the Lord!
God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up to the Lord!
God has highly exalted him, giving him the name above all names. Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up to the Lord!
Jesus Christ is Lord! Glory to God in the highest!
We lift up our hearts in worship and praise to our risen Lord!

†HYMN NO. 715

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

DARWALL'S 148TH

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all.
We confess that we have not followed his example in providing for those in need
and advocating for the outcast and the "other."
Forgive us for our inaction.
Give us the strength to fight against unjust laws that silence
the voices of our black and brown siblings.
Give us the courage to flip tables when falsehood is spoken in your name.
Give us the compassion to show your love to all, even to those with whom we disagree.
We pray that your kin-dom will come now, in this very time, the same way that it is in heaven.
We pray through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. *(silent reflection)***

†ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Friends, hear the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Let us forgive others just as we have been forgiven! Thanks be to God!

†PASSING THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 145: 3, 8-10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 21

NRSVUE

Acts 1:6-9

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This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

After the Ascension

Paul Purdue

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...and so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

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 the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD - SHARING THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER

Tamara Kreigh

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.

**As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation
of The United Methodist Church,**

**we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

BENEDICTION

Let us go out from this place telling the good news of God's unconditional love.

May Christ, our risen Lord, be with us now and always.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

POSTLUDE

†You are invited to stand as you are able.

Liturgy written/selected Matt Webb.

¹*The Book of Common Worship*, Liturgy for Ascension of the Lord

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 10:30am – combined worship service with Golden Triangle Fellowship (sanctuary)

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