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# ASCENSION



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# CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 16th, 2021 – 10:00am – Facebook Live, ZOOM & YouTube

Ascension of the Lord Sunday: Year B

## GATHERING:

Erica Kessler

When I Can Read my Title Clear  
*Traditional American Melody, arr., by Mark Hayes*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

To worship and pray,

**We have come this day.**

To meditate on God's teachings,

**We have come this day.**

Gathered as one family of Christ,

**We come together in love.**

### OPENING PRAYER (unison):

**Holy Spirit, be with us in our worship this day. Draw us ever closer to you, that we may become one. Draw us ever closer to your word, that we may be wise. Draw us ever closer to your world, that we may serve and love as you guide us to do. In your holy name, we pray. AMEN.**

### HYMN:

Crown Him with Many Crowns

UMH 327 (vss., 1,2,4)

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison):

**We delight in your law, O God, but we don't always follow the rules. Shower us with your mercy, that we may know your forgiveness and your grace. Guide our steps, that we may follow you more closely. Draw us ever closer to you and to one another, that we might support one another as we follow where you lead us in our efforts to create a world of unity and boundless love. In your mercy and grace, we pray. AMEN.**

*Moment of Silence*

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

God watches over us with mercy and grace. Christ's forgiveness flows freely, redeeming us and making us whole.

### HYMN:

Lord Speak to Me

UMH 121 (vss. 1,4,5)

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER:

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**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.**

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

### OFFERTORY PRAYER:

**Bless these gifts to be nourishment for a world hungry for your grace. Bless us to be nurturers of love for a world hungry for your compassion. Bless us to be one in ministry with you and with one another, through the power of your Holy Spirit. AMEN.**

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### FIRST LESSON:

#### ACTS 1:1 – 11

#### A reading from Acts...

1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with[a] water, but in a few days you will be baptized with[b] the Holy Spirit."

6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Leader: The Word of God

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## GOSPEL LESSON:

LUKE 24:44 – 53

**Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to Luke the 24th chapter, beginning with the 44th verse . . .**

44 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

The Ascension of Jesus

50 When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. 52 Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. 53 And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

**People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ**

## SERMON:

"The Ascension of the Lord"

Pastor Uziel Hernández Martínez

## HYMN:

Thine be the Glory

UMH 308

## DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING:

With the power of God's Holy Spirit,

**We have been made one in unity and love.**

Even as we go our separate ways,

**We go in unity and love,**

We go to serve and love

**With the power of the Spirit.**

We go with the blessing of community

**Guiding our steps and protecting our paths.**

## GOING FORTH

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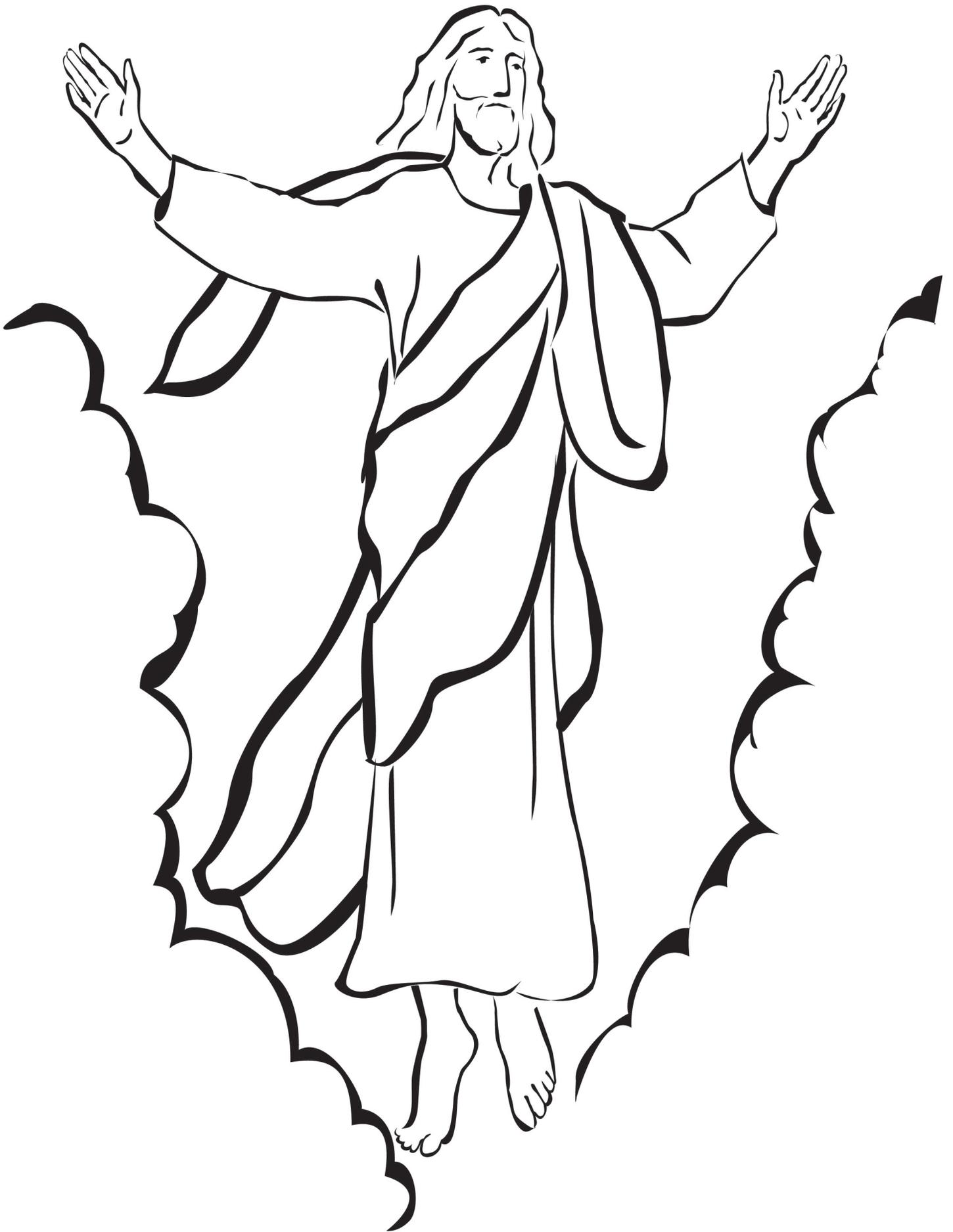
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**Liturgists:** CMUMC ministers

**Pianist:** Erica Kessler

**Bulletin:** Lora Doll



## **\*\*PRAYER LIST\*\***

***At W. Willows:*** Mae Foster, Henrietta Day, Art Huenkemeier.

***At Home:*** Micaela Serrano, Aida Bejesus, Cleo English, Carol Waxler, Lee Magnuson, Aylin, Fredy & Eugenio Mejia.

***Undergoing Treatment/Rehab:*** Nancy O'Leary, Keith Sodergren, Ken Dahlgren, John Paul, Jonathan Garcia, Maynard Wibom, Rev. Bettye Mixon, Tara & Ismael Arencibia, Jerald Grady, Chuck & Kim Whitmore, Silvia Duran, Pat Nelson, Ellen Dean, David Russ, Wayne Russ, Reuben & Rosa Mendoza, Jennifer Martin, Forest Nelson.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

5/22 Steve Enderle

5/18 Margaret Green

5/18 Jonathon Saucedo

5/20 Dalton Williams

### **Joys & Concerns**

Our joys and concerns are from last weeks service and any emails since:

Dave Holland's daughter and her family need our prayers as they are going through a tough time.

Jesus, a member of our second service started his own remodeling business. Congratulations and we wish you good luck with your new endeavor.

Ellen Dean spoke to Lee Magnuson last week and he had taken a fall and was in rehab for a while. He is doing better but our prayers are with him as he recovers. Ellen also spoke to Martha Mitchell who is Mae Foster's daughter. Martha said her mom is doing about the same and hanging in there. We thank you Ellen for taking the time to talk to our members.

Bruce Jacobson was finally able to physically see his mom, hold her hand and speak to her which he has not been able to do since last September. His mom lives in Fairhaven Nursing Home. What a joy for both of them.

Karen and Dave Russ went to see Joyce and celebrate Mother's Day yesterday. It has been a year since they were able to get together. Another great joy.

The Triumphant Quartet was on their way to Wisconsin Dells for a concert when their bus caught fire. Fortunately, the bus driver was able to get everyone off the bus with no injuries. Another bus was able to drive them to the Dells for their concert. What a blessing that everyone was saved.

Please pray for the people of India as they are suffering from the covid-19 tragedy.

Columbia & other South American countries need our prayers as they are suffering from political strife.

A friend of Roscia, from the second service has a friend that had a baby with many complications. Please keep Roscia and the family in your prayers.

Reuben from the second service is healing very well and was able to have his catheter removed. What good news

We hope you will worship with us again.

Due to COVID-19, our physical building and office is closed but our mobile office is open Tuesday – Thursday - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. You can call 779-444-0369, or email: [Centennialumc.rockford@gmail.com](mailto:Centennialumc.rockford@gmail.com) if you need any assistance.

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