

*Westminster Presbyterian Church
The Lord's Day Morning Worship*

October 11, AD 2020

10:55 AM

The Preparation for Worship

Prelude

Let us prepare ourselves for worship. Use this time for silent prayer and meditation on the Word. "O God, the Father of all, who is above all, through all, and in us all; Grant, we pray, that Your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may walk worthy of the vocation with which we are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace; that, being continually given to all good works, we may finally attain everlasting joy and felicity; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen."

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Missions

*The Call to Worship

Psalm 65:4

Minister: Blessed is the man You choose, and cause to approach You, that he may dwell in Your courts.

All: **We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, of Your holy temple.**

Minister: Let us worship God!

The Lord's Praise

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Reiber

*Hymn #198: *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!* Truro

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits; the King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.

A helper just he comes to thee, his chariot is humility, his kingly crown is holiness, his scepter, pity in distress.

O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the Ruler is confessed! O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King in triumph comes!

*So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.*

Confession of Sin from Calvin's Liturgy

Minister: My brethren, let each of you present himself before the face of the Lord, and confess his faults and sins, saying together with me:

All: O Lord, God, eternal and almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge most sincerely before Your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption, prone to do evil, incapable of any good, and that in our depravity we transgress Your holy commandments without end or ceasing: Wherefore we purchase for ourselves, through Your righteous judgment, our ruin and perdition. Nevertheless, O Lord, we are grieved that we have offended You: and we condemn ourselves and our sins with true repentance, beseeching Your grace to relieve our distress. O God and Father most gracious and full of compassion, have mercy upon us in the Name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And as You blot out our sins and stains, magnify and increase in us day by day the grace of Your Holy Spirit: that as we acknowledge our unrighteousness with all our heart, we may be moved by that sorrow which will bring forth true repentance in us, mortifying all our sins, and producing in us the fruits of righteousness and innocence which are pleasing unto You; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:18-19

Minister: Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

All: Amen

*Confession of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Gifts

Offertory Prayer

Pastor Reiber

*The Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'ly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Hymn #289: *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing* Lasst Uns Erfreuen

A hymn of glory let us sing; new songs thro'out the world shall ring: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, by a road before untrod, ascendeth to the throne of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The holy apostolic band Upon the Mount of Olives stand;

Alleluia! Alleluia! and with his followers they see

Jesus' resplendent majesty.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

To whom the angels, drawing nigh, "Why stand and gaze upon the sky? Alleluia! Alleluia! This is the Savior," thus they say, "this is his noble triumph day."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"Again shall ye behold him so as ye today have seen him go,

Alleluia! Alleluia! in glorious pomp ascending high,

up to the portals of the sky."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord's Word

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Reiber

Scripture

Acts 1:9; Luke 24:49-53

Sermon *He Ascended into Heaven*

Our Commitment

*Hymn #293:

Golden Harps Are Sounding

Hermas

Golden harps are sounding, angel voices ring, pearly gates are opened, opened for the King: Christ, the King of glory, Jesus, King of love, is gone up in triumph to his throne above.

Refrain: All his work is ended, joyfully we sing:

Jesus hath ascended: glory to our King!

He who came to save us, he who bled and died, now is crowned with glory at his Father's side. Nevermore to suffer, nevermore to die, Jesus, King of glory, is gone up on high. [Refrain]

Praying for his children in that blessed place, calling them to glory, sending them his grace; his bright home preparing, faithful ones, for you; Jesus ever liveth, ever loveth too. [Refrain]

*Benediction

Pastor Reiber

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Morning Worship Sermon Outline

Text: Acts 1:9; Luke 24:49-53

Title: He Ascended into Heaven

Introduction

I. What is the testimony of the New Testament Scripture concerning our Lord's Ascension?

II. What are we to believe and understand about the ascension?

A. Christ's ascension was visible - physical.

B. Christ's ascension was His being exalted to glory.

III. How can Christ be with us as He promised and yet ascend to heaven?

IV. What does Christ's ascension mean for our Christian lives?

A. Christ's ascension into heaven means our Savior's great work as mediator upon the earth was finished, complete and accepted by the Father.

B. Christ's ascension into heaven means our Representative is our Advocate at the throne of God.

C. Christ's ascension means that in heaven we have One who is our Head who will surely bring us to Himself.

D. Christ's ascension into heaven means that He sends us His Spirit as an earnest by whose power we seek the things that are above where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God.

Announcements

Welcome to Westminster – *The Westminster family extends a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. We pray that God's rich blessings in Christ may be yours. We are delighted to have you with us this Lord's Day.*

If anyone wants to put flowers in the Sanctuary please call the church office at 601-636-4292.

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Westminster Shorter Catechism #17: *What happened to man in the fall?* Man fell into a condition of sin and misery.



Missionary of the Week

Homebound

Pray for those with birthdays: Alex LaBarre, 12; Kirk Walker, 16

Bible Readings: Jer 16:16-31:26; I Th 4:1-I Tim 2:15; Ps 81:1-87:7; Prov 25:6-19

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