

May 24, 2009 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Ascension Sunday

Liturgical Color: White

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Praise the Lord, His Glories Show

Robert Williams

Chiming of the Trinity

*Call to Worship

Glenn Williams, Sunday School Superintendent

Leader: Come together expecting great things. Wait for the promises of God.

People: **Is this the time when God will come to reign? Will we receive power and authority?**

Leader: In God's time, the Holy Spirit will come to you. You will be empowered as faithful witnesses.

People: **We are here to learn about all that Jesus did. We are ready to listen to all that Jesus taught.**

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; Sing praises to God, sing praises.

People: **God is ruler over all the earth. We seek to experience God's rule in our lives.**

*Hymn No. 312

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Llanfair

Invocation

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Appear to us again, risen Savior, for we have lost sight of you. We have come to find you here so we may recognize you among all who suffer. We seek wisdom and revelation to cope with the confusion we face every day amid competing claims. We are here to remember the authority with which you spoke so we may walk amid the rulers of our day, speaking in Christ's name. We who seek to be your body, the Church, need the eyes of our hearts enlightened so we may once more embrace hope and know your joy. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Wiley Charles Perrin

New Testament Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Pages 143 (NT) in pew Bibles

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

Page 234 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Ride on King Jesus
Myra Shaffer, soprano

A Spiritual /arr. Burleigh

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

Meditation on a Hymn Tune

*Doxology No. 94

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Children's Message

Lisa Smith

All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

***Passing of the Peace**

***Hymn No. 175**

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

St. Agnes

***Gospel Lesson**

Luke 24:44-53

Page 111 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Looking Up, Looking Out"

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

***Hymn No. 318**

Christ Is Alive

Truro

***Benediction**

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

***Benediction Response No. 666**

Shalom to You

SHALOM

***Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.***

***Postlude**

**Please stand if you are able*

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