

June 2nd, 2019

*This is the day that the LORD has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

Please greet those around you before the announcements begin.

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Greeting (Sharing God's Welcome)

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Moments of Meditation

While the music is being played, quietly prepare your heart for worship.

“The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.”

Hebrews 1:3

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. Dahl

Call to Worship

Revelations 7:10b, 12

***Hymn of Praise**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

No. 302

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;

His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore, “Alleluia! Amen!”

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23
Pew Bible Page 1818

Prayer of Confession

God, You are the giver of every good gift. Forgive us for our lack of gratitude. We confess that we always want more. We resent what we lack and are jealous of those who seem to have more. Forgive us for not taking pleasure in all the goodness You have showered upon our lives. In Jesus, You have shown us how to live in humility and service. Renew our spirit that we might be faithful disciples, giving praise and thanksgiving always. In the name of Jesus Christ, our risen, living and ascended Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Romans 8:31-34

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

No. 295

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise;
His reign shall know no end; and round His pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Scripture Reading: The Ascension of the Risen Lord Jesus

Acts 1:1-11
Pew Bible Page 1690

New City Catechism Question # 51

Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension?

Christ physically ascended on our behalf, just as he came down to earth physically on our account, and he is now advocating for us in the presence of his Father, preparing a place for us, and also send us his Spirit.

Recognition of Graduates

Prayer of Intercession

Tithes and Offering

Crown Him with Many Crowns

arr. Melody Bober

***Chorus of Preparation**

Majesty

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty;
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

Sermon

The View From Above

Ephesians 2:1-10
Revelation 4:1

Intro: In God's good providence the Sunday to give thanks for and encourage the recent graduates of our church happens to coincide with Ascension Sunday – this is a connection not to be forgotten.

1. What is the Ascension?
2. What the Ascension means to God.
3. May the Ascension mean to me (us), what it means to God.

Main Idea:

***Hymn of Response**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

No. 296

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

***The Apostle's Creed**

Hymnal page 845

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Please hold the elements so that we may all partake together.

The bread set apart is gluten free.

We use wine in the Lord's Supper, however, for those who prefer,
grape juice is provided in the outer ring of the tray.

***Gloria Patri**

No. 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

***Benediction**

***Threefold Amen**

No. 740

Amen, amen, amen.

***Postlude**

Jesus Shall Reign

arr. Whitsett

*** Congregation:** Please stand as able.

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**Piano Duet
Organ**

Grayden Lash & Denise O'Neal
Sandy DeGroot

Scripture, New City Catechism & Intercessory Prayer

Bruce Stoltzfus, Elder

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 6/02	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM	Sunday School (last class until fall) Worship Service & The Lord's Supper Annual Church Picnic
MON 6/03	6:00 PM	Hrivnak Care Group
TUES 6/04	6:00 PM	VBS (partnering with Valparaiso Mennonite Church)
WED 6/05	6:00 PM	VBS
THURS 6/06	6:00 PM	VBS
FRI 6/07	6:00 PM 7:45 PM	VBS VBS Closing Program & Root Beer Floats
SAT 06/08	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
SUN 6/09	10:30 AM	Worship Service



Serving the Lord

	6/02	6/09	6/16
S.S. Nursery	J. Marshall	-----	-----
AM Nursery	L. Hrivnak, Cordie A.	S. Lauer Emily S.	L. Martin Krystal T.
Greeters	Lanenga	Stoltzfus	Lauer
Bring Treats	Church Picnic	-----	-----
Server & Clean-Up	Church Picnic	-----	-----
Audio	B. Schoon	J. Martin	B. Armstrong
Elder of the Week	Stoltzfus	Hrivnak	Lindborg



June Birthdays & Anniversaries

7 th Denise O'Neal	9 th Mike Kern	23 rd Maureen Birkett
26 th Lorrie Martin	28 th Isaiah Martin	29 th Robert Birkett
29 th Lidia Trujillo	30 th Bill Ketner	30 th Briana Marshall
30 th Ethan Lash		

2nd Jerry & Sandy DeGroot's Anniversary
 16th Jim & Lorrie Martin's Anniversary
 25th Bryan & Denise O'Neal's Anniversary

Announcements

☞ **Guest Pastor:** This morning we welcome Walter Lorenz, Pastor at Large of the Great Lakes Presbytery and our interim pastor. Next Sunday our guest pastor is Rev. Steve Gonzales. Rev. Gonzales works at Grace Hospice (Okemos, MI) in grief and loss counseling, and program development. He is a graduate of Covenant Theological Seminary (1990) and is a member of the Great Lakes Presbytery (PCA). He has served PCA churches in New York, Ohio and Michigan. He is married to Angie and has 3 children and 4 grandchildren. He coaches the MSU Table Tennis team, competes in tournaments and enjoys shipwreck scuba diving. He and Angie make their home in Mason, MI.

☞ **The Lord's Supper:** The Lord's Supper will be celebrated today. An offering for the Deacon's Fund will be received at the back of the sanctuary.

☞ **Annual Church Picnic:** The church picnic will immediately follow the morning worship service today. Please join us for a time of fellowship and good food.

☞ **Sunday School Classes:** This is the last week of Sunday School Classes until the fall.

☞ **Treats:** There will be no more treats scheduled for after the service until next fall.

☞ **VBS In Need of Donations:** Our church is partnering with Valparaiso Mennonite Church for Vacation Bible School (pre-school through 8th grade) this week Tuesday through Friday. The theme is "The Incredible Human Race." Call Melissa Stoltzfus at 309-5092 if you can donate any of the following items. Thanks for your consideration!

Boxes of Rice Krispie Treats	Ritz Bits Cheese Sandwich Crackers
Root Beer (2 Liter Sizes)	Large Tubs of Vanilla Ice Cream
Tortilla Chips & Salsa	Sandwich Size Ziploc Bags

☞ **Graduations / Open Houses:**

- * Kara O'Neal graduated from Moody Bible with a BA in Youth Ministry. In the fall she will be working for *By the Hand* ministry with at-risk inner-city kids.
- * Elyssa O'Neal graduated from Boone Grove High School on May 31. She will work in NY for the summer as a camp counselor and then will move to Chicago with Kara and attend Makeup Artist School.
- * Jackson Greene graduates from Valparaiso High School today, June 2. Jackson plans to attend Indiana University in the fall. Everyone is invited to Jackson's open house on Saturday, June 15, 2-6 pm at the Greene's house. RSVPs appreciated (RLEGreene@gmail.com)
- * Sophia Severson graduates from Valparaiso High School today. Sophia plans to attend Valparaiso University and study Nursing.