

A worship bulletin
for Ascension Sunday, Heritage Sunday
May 24, 2020
with Barboursville First UMC

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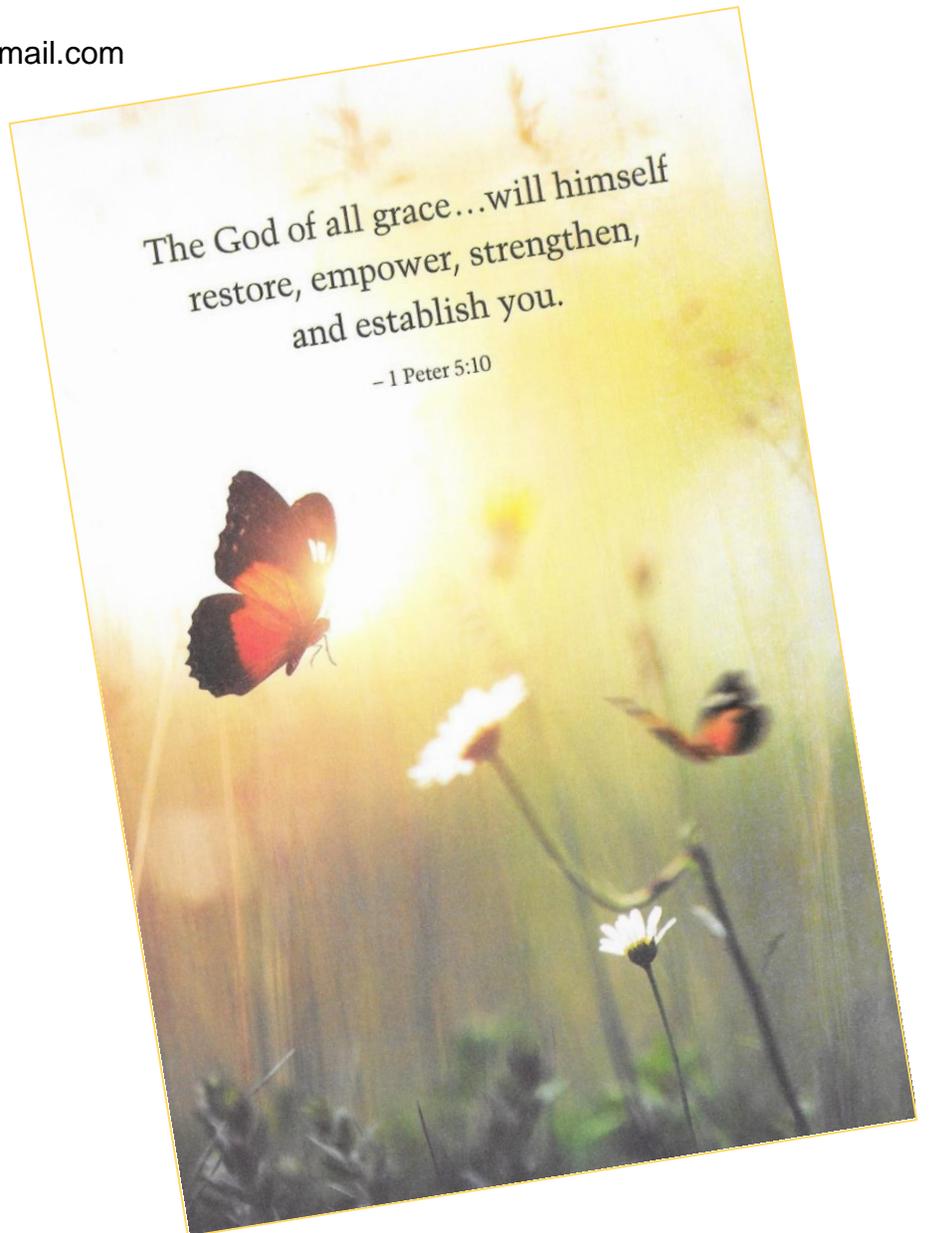
WORSHIP SERVICE at 11am
and then available for viewing afterwards

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Cover Text: 1 Peter 5:10

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Readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 24, 2020: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35;
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

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...to share the love of God with people in a hurting world...

May 24, 2020 11:00 a.m.
Ascension Sunday / Heritage Sunday

We Gather For Worship

WELCOME:

Greetings in the name of the One who came that we might have life to the full: Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior, Redeemer, Resurrected One!

We welcome you to the service today, and pray that you experience the loving and active presence of God in our midst this morning.

Please join us online live at 11am (www.Facebook.com/FUMCWV) or later at the same site. You do not need to have a Facebook account to view the service in the afternoon.

PRELUDE:

“No, Not One”

Smith

Scripture Lesson

Acts 1:1-11

NRSV

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

The Ascension of Jesus

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their

sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." ✨

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

UMH100

WORDS: Bishop William Boyd Grove, 1980

MUSIC: John Goss, 1869

1. God, whose love is reigning o'er us, source of all, the ending true;
hear the universal chorus raised in joyful praise to you:
Alleluia, Alleluia, worship ancient, worship new.
2. Word of God from nature bringing springtime green and autumn gold;
mountain steams like children singing, ocean waves like thunder bold:
Alleluia, Alleluia, as creation's tale is told.
3. Holy God of ancient glory, choosing man and woman, too;
Abram's faith and Sarah's story formed a people bound to you.
Alleluia, Alleluia, to your covenant keep us true.
4. Covenant, new again in Jesus, Starchild born to set us free;
sent to heal us, sent to teach us how love's children we might be.
Alleluia, Alleluia, risen Christ, our Savior he!
5. Lift we then our human voices in the songs that faith would bring;
live we then in human choices lives that, like our music, sing;
Alleluia, Alleluia, joined in love our praises ring!

Opening Prayer

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Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection.
Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 47 (sung response)

Psalm 47

781

Charles Wesley
Robert Williams

Response: Earth and heaven repeat the cry,
"Glory be to God on high"

RESPONSE (*Ascension & General*)



Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud song of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great Ruler over all the earth,
who subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feed,
who chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom God loves. R

God has gone up with a shout,

The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our Ruler, sing praises!
For God is the Ruler of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!

God reigns over the nations;

God sits on his holy throne.
The princes of the people gather as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted! R

Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

UMH89

WORDS: Henry Van Dyke, 1907

MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live I love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

A reading from Our History:

John Wesley’s Aldersgate Experience

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-what-is-aldersgate-day>

Hymn

WORDS: Jack Hayford, 1981

“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”

UMH176

MUSIC: Jack Hayford, 1981

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.

Special Music

Pastor Kerry and Trina

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 1:15-23

NRSV

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. ✨

Response to the Word: What’s PK got to say?

Write your thoughts here

Song

WORDS: Michael W. Smith

“Draw Me Close to You”

MUSIC: Michael W. Smith

Draw me close to you
Never let me go
I lay it all down again
To hear you say that I'm your friend

You are my desire
No one else will do
'Cause nothing else could take your place
To feel the warmth of your embrace

Help me find the way, bring me back to you

*You're all I want
You're all I ever needed
You're all I want
Help me know you are near*

Prayers of the People

With 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.

Offering

Mighty God of Resurrection and Redemption,

we offer our gifts alongside our alleluias!

We offer our hands and feet and voices

to take the celebration out of this place into a world that needs hope so desperately!

May we go into the world with such energy, excitement, and power

that the ground shakes once again, that lightning flashes,

and that people see in us your redeeming love

and the triumph of light over darkness!

In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

*First Church thanks you
for your faithful giving.
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Hymn

“We, Thy People, Praise Thee”

UMH67

WORDS: Kate Stearns Page, 1932

MUSIC: Franz Joseph Hyden, ca. 1780

Refrain: We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, God of every nation!
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, Lord of Hosts eternal!

1. Days of wonder, days of beauty, days of rapture filled with light
tell the goodness, tell thy mercies, tell thy glorious might.
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, praise thee evermore! *Refrain*
2. For thy blessings, for thy bounty, joyful songs to thee we sing,
songs of glory, songs of triumph to our God and King.
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, praise thee evermore! *Refrain*

Sending forth

We are sent forth in the power of Christ’s resurrection.

Alleluia!

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

“To God, Be the Glory”

UMH98

WORDS: Fanny J Crosby, 1875

MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1875

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world
that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that all may go in. *Refrain*
2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer
the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain*
3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher,
and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.. *Refrain*

*Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!*

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

“”Andante Maestoso”

Corelli

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ACTIVITIES AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

*Our calendar is so different as we are in an oft-changing state of lockdown. Nevertheless, Sunday worship can be viewed at [Facebook.com/FUMCWV](https://www.facebook.com/FUMCWV) and we're utilizing a computer group meeting program called **Zoom**. Zoom allows a group discussion in a closed setting. People can participate with or without video chat on their computers or smart phones, and can even phone in with a "regular" phone.*

SUNDAY MORNINGS 9:18 am **Morning Coffee** (on your own)

11:00 am **Morning Worship** at [Facebook.com/FUMCWV](https://www.facebook.com/FUMCWV)

Sundays of May: We will continue to offer online worship until our bishop advises that we can gather again in the sanctuary, pending national and state social distancing guidelines. We anticipate maybe returning to in-person worship with social distancing in June.

PRAYER REQUESTS MAY 24, 2020

Please remember the following people with prayers,

Names are carried on this list for the calendar month. Requests and changes can be reported in writing on worship prayer request cards or by calling the church office. All prayer cards must be dated and signed by the person who is sharing the information. Thank you for your ministry of intercessory prayer.

NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING

Virginia Chapman, Midland Meadows

Bob Maxwell, The Wyngate

Charles Gerwig, Huntington Health & Rehab

HEALTH NEEDS

Sara Alexander

Mary Gerwig

Winona Holbrook

Jim Mannon

Beryl Myers

Jim Myers

Linda Reid

Leo Savilisky

Millie Smith

Naomi Sparks

Sally Wells

OTHER RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball DS Okey Harless The United Methodist Church

President Trump our First Responders Boedy Higson Lushie Preece

Cindy Stickler Triplett Family Sarah Clay Pat Lawrence

Bettina Doyle Marianne Russell-Herr Shane Summers Carey Hasty

Rich & Donna Oderwald Jack Day Ashley Sinclair Rick Clark

Sherry Hickey Debbie Jackson Corky Martin Hannah Caserta

Joanie LaRosa Luke White Ann Handley Martha Spaulding

Larry Clark Lanny Adkins Michelle Sinclair Tommy Fife

Allen Bleigh Brittany McComas Ron White Becky Wilson

Patsy McComas Sonny Rice Axl Colt Barber Belinda Amos

Aunt May Lilly Heath-Massey Robin Darby Bobby Sinclair

Mark Horwich Brad Caserta Roger Ray Ricky Chapman

David McComas Rusty Bowling Brandy Facemyer Flohouse family

Barb Ellis Mary Alice & Rockie Holbrook Unspoken

the pandemic Pastors and congregations in transition Brad Hooper

Donna M. Huntington household devastated by fire Uncle Harold

REST IN PEACE

Shelia Jordan Myers

John Minichan

Calvin Phillips

Blaker Bolling

Rev. Ralph Cazad

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Our purpose is to continue becoming more Christ-like
and to share the love of God with people in a hurting world.

We are a part of The United Methodist Church.
Our mission as United Methodists is
to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

To find out more about The United Methodist Church, check us out online:
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Pastor Kerry's sermons are archived online at www.WordsFromPK.blogspot.com

DURING THIS TIME of GLOBAL PANDEMIC
PLEASE CONTINUE TO BE THE CHURCH

Your prayers are needed.
Your non-anxious presence is needed.
Your devotion and witness are needed.

And yes, your offerings are needed.
Our local church enables and empowers ministry
because of your faithful giving.

United Methodist churches around the state of West Virginia
enable and empower ministry around the state
and around the *globe*
because of your faithful giving.

Our financial giving is one of the ways that we participate in the body of Christ.
Offerings can be mailed to First UMC, PO Box 293, Barboursville WV 25504,
or dropped off at the church building (please call ahead to 610-304-5437 to drop off),
or even picked up by a church member.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness.

Please keep in your prayers
West Virginia Annual Conference's elected delegates
for General Conference 2020 and Jurisdictional Conference 2020.
GenConf2020 will take place in Minneapolis, August 31 – Sept 10, 2021

<p><u>WVUMC Annual Conference</u> will take place August 1 and 2, 2020, in Buckhannon WV.</p>

GC20 Laity: Judi Kenaston, Rich Shaffer, Erin Sears
GC20 Clergy: Amy Shanholtzer, Jeff Taylor, Lauren Godwin

JC20 Laity: Rachel Flynn Fulton, Kristi Wilkerson, Royce Lyden
JC20 Clergy: Mary Ellen Finegan, Mike Estep, Joe Hill

Laity alternates: Bree Moll, Judy Raines
Clergy alternates: Sharletta Green, Joe Kenaston

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