

The Chiming of the Hour

The Organ Prelude "Processional for a Joyful Day" Dale Wood

The Call to Worship Cheryl Sjoquist

Our God has ascended with a mighty shout.  
**The Lord has ascended with trumpets blaring!**

Come and worship, people of God!  
**Let's celebrate with songs of praise!**

For our God—the Most High—is seated on his holy throne,  
**Sovereign over all the earth!**

Come and worship, people of God!  
**Let's worship God together.**

The Invocation and Welcome to Worship Ethan Brown  
 The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

\*The Hymn of Praise 219 "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise" LLANFAIR

A Reading from the New Testament Acts 1:6-14 Ben Browne  
 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 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." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 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." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Child Dedication: Blaise Gregory Brown John Jarrard

The Children's Message Cameron Schroeder

A Story of Calling Stephanie Hatcher

\*The Hymn of Offering 685 "Children Are a Gift from Heaven" HARLAN

\*The Prayer of Giving Scott Nash

The Offertory "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" Wilbur Held

\*The Doxology 706 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

A Reading from the New Testament

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Caitlin Childers Brown

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"My Hope Is Built"  
Rich Kosowski, tenor

arr. Tom Trenney

The Message

*Living It Out . . . In Prayer*

Caitlin Childers Brown

\*The Hymn of Response 409

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

CONVERSE

The Opportunities for Service

Ethan Brown

The Organ Postlude

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Allan Mahnke

The Benediction

Caitlin Childers Brown

*May the wisdom of the Creator guide us,  
The peace of Christ embrace us,  
And the love of the Holy Spirit empower us,  
To join the work of God dawning all around.*

*"In the way of God, thoughts count for little, love does everything. And it is not necessary to have great things to do. I turn my little omelet in the pan for the love of God; when it is finished, if I have nothing to do, I prostrate myself on the ground and adore my God, who gave me the grace to make it, after which I arise, more content than a king. When I cannot do anything else, it is enough for me to have lifted a straw from the earth for the love of God."*

*-Brother Lawrence, The Practice of the Presence of God*