

EASTER SEASON

WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 12, 2024

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Open Our Eyes



O - pen our eyes, Lord,___ we want to see Je - sus,___ to



reach out and touch him,___ and say that we love him.---



O - pen our ears, Lord,___ and help us to lis - ten,---



o - pen our eyes, Lord,___ we want to see Je - sus.---

GATHERING PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
we come before you today
with open eyes that we may see the glory of your resurrection;
with open hearts that we may know your presence;
with open ears that we may hear your Word;
with open minds that we may learn your will;
and with open hands that we may do the work to which you call us.
Amen.

HYMN | STANDING

Lift Up Your Hearts, Believers



1. Lift up your hearts, be - liev - ers! This is the ho - ly day
2. Lift up your hearts, be - liev - ers! O gates, lift up your heads!
3. Lift up your hearts, be - liev - ers! And do not be down-cast,



when Je - sus, our Re - deem - er, com - pletes sal - va - tion's way.
Though minds be full of won - der, though souls be full of dread.
for Je - sus, our Re - deem - er, re - ceives the crown at last.



The for - ty days are o - ver and clouds shine high and bright
The Spir - it has been prom - ised and though we are a - lone
The thorns of cru - ci - fix - ion are changed to stars of light,



as Christ, the O - ver - com - er, is lift - ed from our sight.
we wait un - til that mo - ment when fire and wind are known.
and Christ, the Lord of glo - ry, is named as God's de - light.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God,
like the first disciples,
we continue to look to the sky for Jesus,
instead of in the faces of our sisters and brothers.
We confess that we deny your presence in the world you created;
we deny your presence in those we perceive to be different from us;
we deny your presence in the ones we know and love.
Forgive us,
send us your Holy Spirit,
and reignite a holy passion within us,
that we may be witnesses of your grace and glory in our world.

Silence is kept for personal reflection.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

WORD

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Ephesians 1:15-23

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The cantor sings the refrain once; then all repeat.



God has gone up with a shout of re - joic - ing:



God has as - cend - ed in glo - ry!



O clap your hands, clap your hands all you peo - ple:



God has as - cend - ed in glo - ry!

Great is the Lord and how great is God's kingdom, rooted in heaven and earth.
Ruler on high over all of the nations, Lord over all the world. (refrain)

All of the nations assemble before God: all of the rich and the poor.
All of the servants rejoice in God's justice, singing God's praise evermore. (refrain)

Praise to our Lord! O sing praise to our Savior, praise to our God and our King!
Worthy the Lamb who was slain and is risen: glory and honor to him. (refrain)

THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children are dismissed to Sunday School (K-6) following the scripture readings.

SERMON

Can I Get a Witness?

Rev. Paul Gilmore

SONG OF RESPONSE

An Open Hand, a Willing Heart

The ensemble sings the entire hymn through once.

Then the congregation stands to sing it together.

1. An o - pen hand, a will - ing heart, a
2. A stir - ring call, a nar - row road, a
3. All worlds re - born, all deaths un - done, all

gen - tle word, a chal - lenge
liv - ing dream, a prom - ise
things in God u - nit - ed

Spir - it, breathe in - to this church, the

ris - en bod - y of Christ. Christ.

1.2. Final

The musical score is written in 4/4 time. It features three verses of lyrics. The melody is simple and accessible. There are triplets in the third line of music. The piece concludes with a first ending (1.2.) and a final cadence.

PROFESSION OF FAITH | STANDING

Because Jesus has ascended,
a new world has broken into ours—

**a world in which justice does come for the poor,
freedom comes for the prisoners,
and healing for the sick.**

Because Jesus ascended,
a new community has been formed—

**a community that loves and cares for all members,
a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected,
a place where all find a place of belonging.**

Because Jesus ascended,
a new creation has begun—
**all that was distorted is being restored,
all that is corrupted is being renewed,
all that was broken is being made whole.**

Because Jesus ascended,
God's new world has begun.
Thanks be to God!

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | STANDING

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'There is one Lord, There is one faith, There is one bap - tis - m, There is one God, And we are all chil - dren of God, born of one same Spir - it, Al - le - lu - ia!'. The final note of the last staff is a triplet of eighth notes.

There is one Lord,___ There is one faith,___
There is one bap - tis - m___ There is one God. ___
And we are all___ chil - dren of God,___
born of one same___ Spir - it,___ Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of life...
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER | STANDING

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 debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.

TABLE

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Everywhere, You

Where I wander, You!
Where I ponder, You!
Only You everywhere; You, always You.
When I am gladdened, You!
When I am saddened, You!
Only You everywhere; You, always You.
Sky is You! Earth is You!
You above! You below!
In every bend, at every end, only You!

-Rabbi Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev, 1740-1809

*After the offering, the congregation stands and sings "In the Breaking of the Bread"
as the bread and juice are brought forward to the Lord's Table.*



1. In the break - ing of the bread, in the shar - ing of the wine,
2. In our wor - ship, in the praise, in our ser - vice, in our prayer,



in the gath - 'ring of our hearts, we are filled with love di - vine.
in the mu - sic that we raise, in the fel - low - ship we share.



At Christ's ta - ble our hearts are fed.
At Christ's ta - ble we find our place.



There is grace in the break - ing of bread.
In the break - ing of bread there is grace.



There is grace in the break - ing of bread. _____
In the break - ing of bread there is grace. _____

INVITATION TO THE TABLE | STANDING

This is the table of our risen and ascended Lord -
where Jesus is both guest and host.
Come to the gathering of sinners and saints.
Come to this blessed table where Christ reigns,
and where everyone is welcome.
Whether you have come here often,
or seldom,
or this is your first time,
come and celebrate this holy feast this Easter season,
because Jesus is here
and invites us to join him in the banquet.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | STANDING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

Before all that is, you were God.

Outside all we know, you are God.

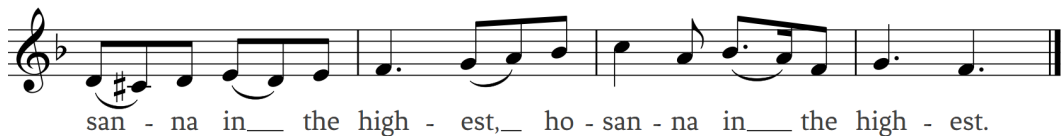
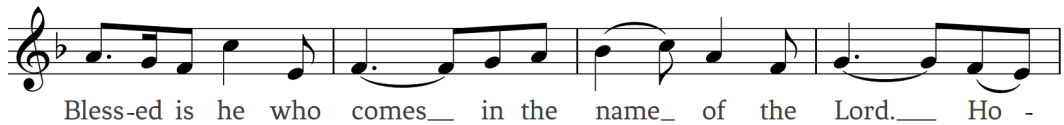
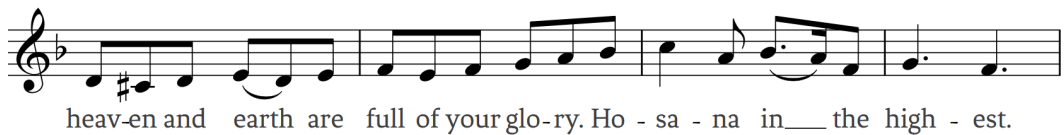
After all is finished, you will be God.

Archangels sound the trumpets,

angels teach us their song,

saints pull us into your presence.

And this is our song...



Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!
You beyond the galaxies,
you under the oceans,
you pouring down rain,
you opening the flowers,
you giving us your image,
you carrying us through the waters,
you holding us in the night,
you smiling on Sarah and Abraham,
your leading Moses and Miriam,
you speaking through Deborah and Isaiah,
you living as Jesus among us,
healing, teaching, dying, rising,
inviting us all to your feast.

Holy God, we remember your Son,
his life with the humble,
his death among sinners,
his resurrection for us all,
his ascension into heaven,
and his return in glory.

Holy God, we beg for your Spirit.
Enliven this bread,
awaken this body,
pour us out for each other.
Transfigure our minds,
ignite your church,
nourish the life of the earth.
Make us, while many, united;
make us, though broken, whole;
make us, despite death, alive.

And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit!

And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit:

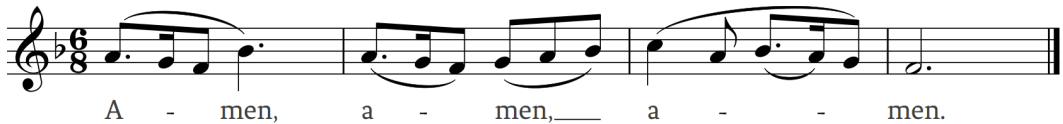
Come, Holy Spirit!

And so the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit!

You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three,
our Creator, our Redeemer, our Sustainer,
our Source, our Word, our Breath,
our Way, our Truth, our Life.

Praise now,
praise tomorrow,
praise forever.



The congregation is seated.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Please come forward by the center aisle to receive communion.

*Once you have received, please return by the side aisles,
placing your cups in the baskets provided*

The bread of life ... **Thanks be to God or Amen**

The cup of salvation ... **Thanks be to God or Amen**

COMMUNION SONG

This Is the Feast of Victory

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his. (refrain)

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor, glory and might to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (refrain)

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia! (refrain)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Living God,
in this holy meal,
our souls have tasted your goodness
and our hearts have seen the risen Lord.
As we rise from this table,
now turn our eyes to the needs of the world,
as we follow in the way of Jesus our Lord.
Amen.**

SENDING

HYMN 295 | STANDING

Go to the World

CHARGE AND BLESSING | STANDING

RECESSIONAL | STANDING



NEXT SUNDAY!

PENTECOST

&

PANCAKES

following worship

Celebrate the birthday of the church
Support the youth summer mission trip

\$10 Adults
\$5 Youth/Children
\$30 maximum for a family
Children 3 year and under eat free

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information about weekly Bible studies and small groups can be found in your weekly email or at winnpres.org. Sign up at winnpres.org to receive our weekly email.



OFFERING

- Scan QR code
- Offering plate in worship
- Online at winnpres.org

PANCAKES AND PENTECOST: MAY 19

Mark your calendar! We will celebrate Pentecost with a pancake breakfast on May 19 following worship. The proceeds will help fund our Youth Mission Trip to Minneapolis this summer.

GRADUATION SUNDAY: MAY 19

We will be recognizing all our graduates in worship on May 19. If your family has a student graduating from high school or college this year, please let Nancy Holly know so they can be included.

SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duffy

Greeters: Nancy Holly, Deacons

Lectors: Phyllis Beattie, Liz Berwanger

Prayer Leader: Liz Berwanger

Elements:

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Kendal Reis, Cindy Ritchell

Musicians: Bryan Wlas, Daniel Rausch,

Shannon McMullen, Kyra Kornfeld

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