

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

-- Offertory: "Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

With joy and confidence in your abiding love and presence with us, we present these gifts, tokens of our lives, as an offering for service in and to this world which you have entrusted to us. Bless these gifts and bless all those who place their trust in you. Amen.

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.

* CLOSING SONG

-- "I'll Fly Away" Insert

* BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH

ABOUT THIS CHURCH

We are a United Methodist Community of Worship, serving in the Smoky Mountain District of the Holston Conference. Our mission is to be an open gathering place to nurture Christians in training who, equipped by the Holy Spirit, go into the world and share the light of Jesus Christ.



**In Mission. Inclusive.
With God. In Love.**

Welcome to Worship!

May 16, 2021

Ascension Sunday

Liturgical Color: White

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* Please stand at these points if you are able to do so.

UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal

Scripture Readings: Page notations are from the red Bible found in your pew rack.

NT: New Testament **OT:** Old Testament

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THE GATHERING

-- "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" **Insert**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF PRAISES AND CONCERNS

You may write a prayer concern on a prayer card and leave it in the offering plate at the back of the Sanctuary. You can also email it to GreenMeadowPastor@gmail.com.

WORSHIP INVOCATION

Holy God, help us to be present in worship this day, even as you are present.

CENTERING MOMENT

-- "He Is Exalted" **Insert**

CALL TO WORSHIP **Dianne Scent**

One: Jesus promised to be with us always.

Many: Lord, we are thankful for that promise.

One: In all times, this promise gives us hope.

Many: Lord, we rejoice in the hope you give us.

One: Come and celebrate the eternal promises of Christ.

Many: Lord, we are so grateful that you have given to us so much and that you promise God's presence with us always.

All: Amen.¹

OPENING PRAYER

SONG

-- "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" **Insert**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: David Duchenois

Ever-living God, your eternal Christ once dwelt on earth, confined by time and space. Give us faith to discern in every time and place the presence among us of him who is head over all things and fills all, even Jesus Christ our ascended Lord. Amen.²

* THE GOSPEL STORY

-- Luke 24:44-53 **NT Page 91**

SONG

-- "Resurrection Hymn" **Insert**

THE NEW TESTAMENT

-- Acts 1:1-11 **NT Page 118**

THE MESSAGE **Mike Feely**

"Which Way Did He Go?"

PASTORAL PRAYER

¹ Liturgy excerpted from MinistryMatters.com, unless otherwise noted.

² Laurence Hull Sooke; © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House