



ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WORSHIP @ HOME

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Ascension
May 16, 2021

Prelude

We are Called to Worship - To worship and pray, we have come this day. To meditate on God's teachings, we have come this day. Gathered as one family of Christ, we come together in love. Let us worship.~

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

A Time of Prayer

You are welcome to send prayer requests to Pastor Sarah. Spend a few moments connecting with God and lifting up your prayers.

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Song 1

Shine, Jesus, Shine

We Hear God's Word

Luke 24:44-53 (CEB)

⁴⁴ Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the

scriptures. ⁴⁶ He said to them, “This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ Look, I’m sending to you what my Father promised, but you are to stay in the city until you have been furnished with heavenly power.”

⁵⁰ He led them out as far as Bethany, where he lifted his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ As he blessed them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. ⁵² They worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem overwhelmed with joy. ⁵³ And they were continuously in the temple praising God.

Meditation

A Change of Heart and Life

Song 2

Crown Him with Many Crowns

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation – Christ has called us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. So let us give generously to fulfill that call.=

May Benevolence – Our May Benevolence Offering will go to support the UCC’s Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering. This special offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

You can mail your offerings to our office. We check the mail regularly.

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Doxology

We Give Thanks – Holy One, we clap our hands and shout for joy! We give you praise and these offerings, for, with Christ ascended by your side, you are God, awesome and Most High! Amen.=

We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing – With the power of God’s Holy Spirit, we have been made one in unity and love. Even as we go our separate ways, we go in unity and love. We go to serve and love with the power of the Spirit. We go with the blessing of community, guiding our steps and protecting our paths.~

Postlude

Worship Notes: = Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1: Advent through Pentecost (pp. 176-177). Westminster John Knox Press. Kindle Edition. ~Abingdon Worship Annual 2021.