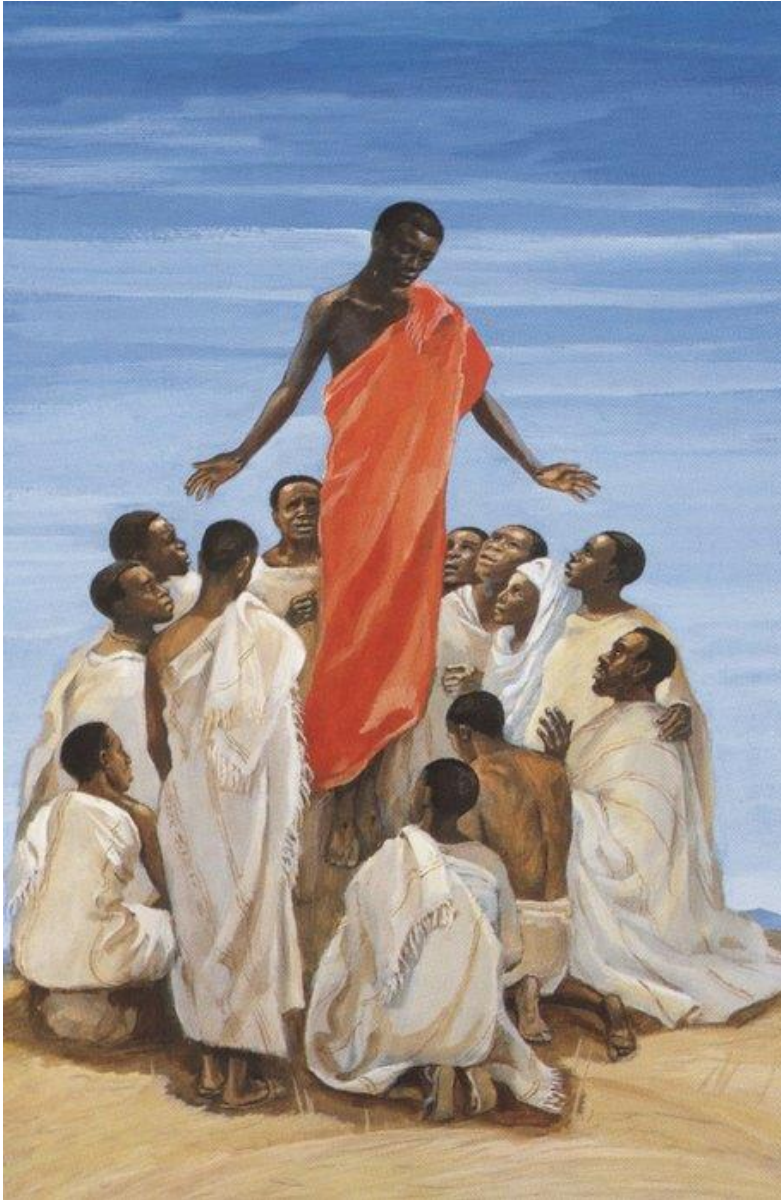


Grace United Church of Christ

Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ Sunday, May 24, 2020



The Ascension, artist: JESUS MAFA, 1973

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We Gather

Prelude

Improvisation on Schönster Herr Jesu
"Beautiful Jesus"

Wayne L. Wold

Welcome

Preparing our Hearts

Call to Worship

Blessed be God; the Glorious Trinity

One God now and forever

Christ, who descended is now ascended to reconcile all things to Himself.

Glory to you, Lord Christ!

Let us worship God

Opening Hymn

Holy, Holy , Holy

NCH # 277 (insert)

Opening Prayer

Gloria Patri (sung)

**Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the Beginning,
is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Reginald Heber, 1826; alt.

Descant

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Saints a - dore you tru - ly,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though we know but dim - ly,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing we praise your maj - es - ty.
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eyes of hum - an - kind your glo - ry may not see,
 All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim bow be - fore you on - ly,
 You a - lone are ho - ly, you a - lone are wor - thy,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 From the be - gin - ning, God e - ter - nal - ly.
 Per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

This hymn by Reginald Heber was published in a book of hymns for Banbury Parish Church in England. Nicaea, one of nearly 300 tunes by John B. Dykes, was named for the famous council that defined the doctrine of the Trinity.

Tune: NICAEA 11.12.12.10.
 John B. Dykes, 1861
 Descant David McK. Williams, 1948

We Listen

First Reading

Acts 1:6-14

Special Music

Andante tranquilo
Felix Mendelssohn

Gospel

John 17:1-11

Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

Sermon

Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

We Respond

Pastoral Prayers

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: ...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: ...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**ALL: Christ has died
Christ is risen**

Christ will come again.

Leader: ...Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (in 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Communion

Prayer after Communion

God of us all, In the gift of bread and cup we celebrate your presence in our church and in our lives. As your presence unites us in the gift of this holy meal, so we know that in your love we are united wherever we are. Keep true in us that same spirit that has united the Church throughout all generations and bring us soon into physical communion, through that same spirit, which is Christ, the Lord. Amen.

We are Sent

Announcements

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Beautiful Jesus

NCH # 44 (insert)

Dismissal

Postlude

Improvisation on Diademata
"Crown with Your Richest Crowns"

Wayne L. Wold

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# Beautiful Jesus

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Münster Gesangbuch, 1677  
Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993



1 Beau - ti - ful Je - sus, Head of all cre - a - tion,  
2 Beau - ti - ful spring - time, love - ly, green, and hope - ful,  
3 Beau - ti - ful sun - shine, clear, so love - ly, moon - light,  
4 All earth - ly beau - ty, all ce - les - tial ra - diance



God and the bless - ed Mar - y's child: I want to love you,  
all earth ex - hales its sweet per - fume: Je - sus is sweet - er,  
stars shine like an - gels, ranked through space: Je - sus shines bright - er,  
fade when com - pared to Je - sus' face. Let me not cher - ish



praise and a - dore you, joy of my soul, so long de - sired.  
Je - sus is pur - er, sad hearts at this, re - joice and bloom.  
Je - sus shines clear - er, in per - fect beau - ty, love, and grace.  
beau - ties that per - ish; let me this love - ly good em - brace.



*This text, which has also been translated as "Fairest Lord Jesus" and "Beautiful Savior," was included in a German Catholic hymnal published in Münster. The melody, known by various names, is thought to be a Silesian folk tune.*

Tune: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU 5.6.8.5.5.8.  
Silesian folk melody  
Harm. Richard S. Willis, 1850





# Daily Bible Readings

Friday, May 1, 2020:

Psalm 23; Exodus 3:16-22, 4:18-20; 1 Peter 2:13-17

Saturday, May 2, 2020:

Psalm 23; Ezekiel 34:1-16; Luke 15:1-7

Sunday, May 3, 2020: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47 • Psalm 23 • 1 Peter 2:19-25 • John 10:1-10

Monday, May 4, 2020: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:17-23; 1 Peter 5:1-5

Tuesday, May 5, 2020: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:23-31; Hebrews 13:20-21

Wednesday, May 6, 2020: Psalm 100; Jeremiah 23:1-8; Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, May 7, 2020: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Genesis 12:1-3; Acts 6:8-15

Friday, May 8, 2020: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Exodus 3:1-12; Acts 7:1-16

Saturday, May 9, 2020: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Jeremiah 26:20-24; John 8:48-59

Sunday, May 10, 2020: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60 • Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 • 1 Peter 2:2-10 • John 14:1-14

Monday, May 11, 2020: Psalm 102:1-17; Exodus 13:17-22; Acts 7:17-40

Tuesday, May 12, 2020: Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:5-12; Acts 7:44-56

Wednesday, May 13, 2020: Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:13-18; John 8:31-38

Thursday, May 14, 2020: Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 6:5-22; Acts 27:1-12

Friday, May 15, 2020: Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 7:1-24; Acts 27:13-38

Saturday, May 16, 2020: Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 8:13-19; John 14:27-29



Sunday, May 17, 2020: Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 17:22-31 • Psalm 66:8-20 • 1 Peter 3:13-22 • John 14:15-21

Monday, May 18, 2020: Psalm 93; Genesis 9:8-17; Acts 27:39-44

Tuesday, May 19, 2020: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 5:22-33; 1 Peter 3:8-12

Wednesday, May 20, 2020: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 31:1-13; John 16:16-24

Thursday, May 21, 2020: Ascension of the Lord  
Acts 1:1-11 • Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 • Ephesians 1:15-23 • Luke 24:44-53

Friday, May 22, 2020: Psalm 93; 2 Kings 2:1-12; Ephesians 2:1-7

Saturday, May 23, 2020: Psalm 93; 2 Kings 2:13-15; John 8:21-30

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

Monday, May 25, 2020: Psalm 99; Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24; 1 Peter 4:1-6

Tuesday, May 26, 2020: Psalm 99; Numbers 16:41-50; 1 Peter 4:7-11

Wednesday, May 27, 2020: Psalm 99; 1 Kings 8:54-65; John 3:31-36

Thursday, May 28, 2020: Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 19:1-9a; Acts 2:1-11

Friday, May 29, 2020: Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 19:16-25; Romans 8:14-17

Saturday, May 30, 2020: Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 20:1-21; Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday, May 31, 2020: Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth  
1 Samuel 2:1-10 • Psalm 113 • Romans 12:9-16b • Luke 1:39-57

Sunday, May 31, 2020: Day of Pentecost  
Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30 • Psalm 104:24-34, 35b •  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21 • John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39



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### SUNDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 AM

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Scripture Reader: ONLINE  
Children's Message: N/A  
Children's Church: N/A  
Altar Guild: N/A

*If you would like to serve as a greeter, or host fellowship time after worship,  
please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Good Shepherd Room.*

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