

## The Lord's Day ~ May 21, 2023

Preparing for Worship

\* God Calls Us to Worship & Welcomes Us

**Ephesians 1:15-23**

\* Seeking God's Blessing on Our Worship

\* Praising Our God in Song

**#300 Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power**

\* Confessing our Faith

**Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 46-47 & 49-51**

What do we mean by speaking of Christ's ascension to heaven?

**That Christ, while his disciples watched, was taken up from the earth into heaven and remains there on our behalf until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.**

But isn't Christ with us until the end of the world as he promised?

**Christ is true man and true God. In his human nature Christ is not now on earth; but in his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit he is never absent from us.**

How does Christ's ascension benefit us?

**First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.**

What does Scripture mean in telling us Jesus is at the right hand of God?

**Christ ascended to heaven, there to show that he is head of his church, the one through whom the Father governs all things, so that through his Holy Spirit he pours out gifts from heaven upon us his members, and by his power defends us and preserves us from all enemies.**

\* Those who are able, please stand

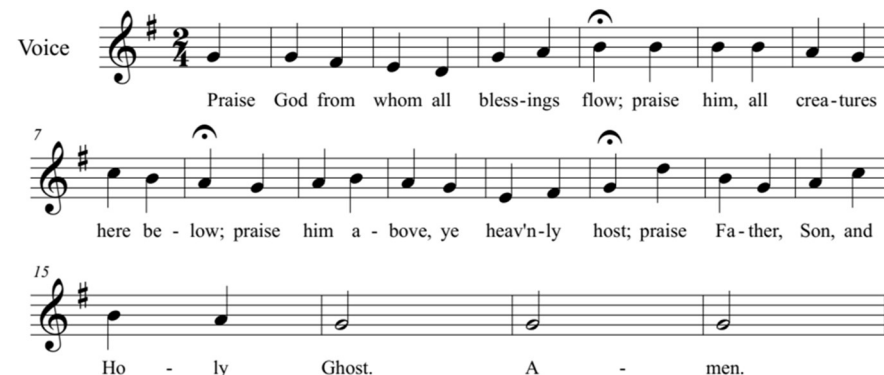
God Speaks Through His Word

**Mark 4:35-41** (Pew Bible p. 839)

Going to God in Prayer

Presenting & Dedicating Our Offerings to the Lord

Voice



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

\* Preparing to Hear God's Word

**#128 God Moves in a Mysterious Way**

God Speaks through His Word

**Psalm 44:1-26** (pew Bible p. 470)

"Troubled by Trouble"

Part One

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Is your view of suffering able to accept that God at times imposes it on faithful believers – not despite that faithfulness but because of it?

God's past blessings upon our faithfulness are our ideal.

But what do we do when our faithfulness stays the same, but our present circumstances have worsened?

When troubles trouble your soul, can you look with hope for future deliverance from the Lord?

\* Responding to God's Grace in Song

### #686 Thy Way, Not Mine, O Lord

\* God Dismisses Us with His Blessing

Voice

Now bless-ed be the Lord our God, the God of Is - ra -  
And bless-ed be His glo - rious name, to all e - ter - ni -

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el, for He a - lone does won-drous works in glo - ry that ex - cel.  
ty; the whole earth let His glo - ry fill. A - men, so let it be.

### Announcements

- Thank you for being part of our worship service this morning. Please join us for **Sunday School** from 11:30 to 12:15. The Adult Class meets in the Fellowship Hall and is led in its current study of the Minor Prophets by Doug Giebel. The Friendship Class meets in Rm. 208 under the direction of Edith McKlveen. Children in grades 1 to 8 are taught by Jan van der Jagt meeting in Rm. 108. Eric Runion teaches the High School Class meeting in Rm. 109. Warm drinks are available in the Fellowship Hall.
- To close out the Lord's Day, we'll be gathering at 6 PM for **Evening Worship**. Tonight we study Mark 9:30-37 with the title "True Greatness in Christ's Kingdom". Please join us as we sing praises, share prayer requests, and grow in God's Word.
- Please sign up this week (or next week at the latest) for the **Church Picnic!** We'd love to see you June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Durand Eastman Park. Details are posted at the church doors and in the fellowship hall. Questions can be directed to Lauren, Barb S, or Carol. We plan to celebrate our graduates at the picnic.
- The congregation is invited to Luke Pisani's senior concert at Hochstein School on **Monday, June 12th** at 7 PM.
- **Summer Olympics** is coming June 26-30!
  - Please register on the church website if any of your family members plan on attending.
  - Please consider joining us **Sunday, June 11th** after SS to help distribute Summer Olympics flyers in an adjoining neighborhood. It should only take a family unit 20 minutes to distribute a handful. *Please let Rich R. or Carol know by June 4th* if you are able to help.
  - If you are helping with Summer Olympics, there will be a brief staff meeting on **June 18th** following SS. Please plan on attending so any last minute items can be addressed.
- Helping with this morning's service are Elise van der Jagt (musical accompaniment), Dan Lash & Dean Moore (ushers), Richard Backus (sound) and Tony Pisani (video).

### Weekly Calendar

21	MAY, SUN	10 - 11am	In-person Morning Worship + YouTube
		11:30am - 12:15pm	In-person Sunday School + YouTube (Adult Class)
		12:15 - 12:45pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6 - 6:45pm	In-person Evening Worship + Zoom
23	MAY, TUE	6:15 - 7:15pm	Support Group Meeting
24	MAY, WED	8:30 - 9:30am	Men's Prayer on Zoom
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