May 8, 2016 — Ascension Sunday

We Come Together as God’s People

Prelude  Fantasia and Fugue in C Minor, BWV 537  J.S. Bach
    Dr. John Allegar, organ  (1685-1750)

Introit       Come! Live in the Light!
    David Haas  Men’s Ensemble  (b. 1957)

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.
We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

* Call to Worship  (adapted from Thom M. Shuman)  Rev. Joyce E. Hunn
    Leader:  Here, in this place, we can speak of what God has done;
    People:  the One who is closer than our imagination tells us.
    Leader:  Here, with this people, we will sing of what God is doing;
    People:  the One who lives in us, and calls us by name.
    Leader:  In every place, with every person,
        we dare to imagine what God will do;
    People:  the One who will move us to serve others,
        to be with them as surely as God is with us.

* Prayer of Adoration

* Procesional Hymn #142  All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!  CORONATION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader:  As painful as it may be, God of our lives, we want to open our
    hearts to you.

All:  Called to live gently with our families and friends, we
    cause great hurt by our words and actions. Created in your
    image, we live as if it were the evil one who shapes our
    hearts. Given the simple command to love, we complicate
    it with our expectations, our fears, our doubts.

Hear us as we confess our sin.

Silent Confession

All:  You cannot overlook our sin, Loving God, and so you sent
    Jesus to redeem us. Through the waters of baptism, the fire
    of our failings is extinguished. Through the grace of your
    heart, we are made whole. Through the gift of Jesus Christ,
    our Lord and Savior, we do indeed live, and move, and
    have our being with you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

* Those who are able may stand.  + Latecomers may be seated.
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 & 11 AM

2015 ACOLOYTE RECOGNITION
♀ McKenzie Cheek 
♀ Grace Donoho Gooden 
♀ Sophia Grueninger 
♀ Claudia Harvey
♂ Kate Peterson Rasmusson 
♂ Katherine Sabens 
♂ Kelsey Steiner Lucy Wynne

PARENTS: TIME WITH THE CHILDREN
Following the Time with Children, children may depart for Child Care or Choir School. If you have not checked your child in at a welcome center, please fill out a name tag (in pew racks) before sending your child forward for the Time with Children. Place half on your child’s back and bring the other half when you pick up your child.

Infants, Room 240
Toddlers and Twos, Room 233
Chapel for Threes, Room 208
Choristers/Cherub (age 4-Grade 2), Room 112
Carol Choir (Grades 3-5), Choir Room

ANTHEM
And Can It Be?
And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior’s blood?
Died He for me who caused His pain?
For me who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou my God, shouldst die for me?
He left His Father’s throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam’s helpless race;
’Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For O my God, it found out me.
No condemnation now I dread,
Jesus and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown through Christ my own.

Amazing love, how can it be
That Thou, My God shouldst die for me?
Amazing love, how can it be? Amazing love!
Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

* Response of Praise Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name. (Repeat)

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The Passing of the Peace

* Hymn #151 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Acolyte Recognition (9:30) Sonya Rasmusson
Ritual of Friendship Dr. John R. Koppitch
and the Concerns of the Church

We Experience God’s Word

Time with the Children (11:00)
Prayer of Illumination Bethany Downs (9:30)
Abbie VanMeter (11:00)
Anthem And Can It Be? Dan Forrest (b. 1978)
Second Lesson Acts 1:1-11 (p. 991)
Sermon Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

“Tell What You Know”

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth."

(Acts 1:8)

We Give Thanks to God

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Brian S. Shivers (9:30)
Service of Confirmation (9:30)
Unison Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for these young women and men and their willingness to take another step in their lifelong journey of faith. May each of them live confident of your love, secure in your mercy, and transformed by your grace. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

* Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional) (Hymnal p. 14)

Prayers of the People (11:00)

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OFFERTORY

If Ye Love Me
Thomas Tallis
(1505-1585)

Jess Muñoz, John Brewer, Jeremiah Strickler, Samuel Spade

If ye love me keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you for ever: E'en the Sp’rit of Truth.

from John 14:15-17

* Doxology, Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer (See sidebar)

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* Closing Hymn

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the all will be one! God will reign, and we’ll walk with each kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God. hope less so hated and violence will be no more. other as sisters and brothers united in love.

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* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response

Deo Gratias
(Thanks Be To God)

William Byrd
(1543-1623)

* Postlude

Tuba Tune in D Major

C.S. Lang
(1891-1971)

2016 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Emily Anderson
Joseph Heerens

Grant Barretto
Anamarie Johnson

Andrew Bauer
Maxam McElroy

Samuel Bauer
Sophie Mullinix

Rosemary Bayliff
Olivia Murphy

Lucy Bloniarz
Alison Orme

William Brune
Caroline Sagebiel

Anna Campbell
Chad Smitson

Elise Conour
Jacob Stubbs

Ross DeLong
Kate VanBruggen

Alexandra Dennison
Adam Vander Kooy

Ryan Downs
Ryan Ward

Jakob Faber
Samuel Weixler

Lucy Gaha
Jane Wynne

Micheal Grueninger

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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 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.

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION AND WHOLENESS

10:35 a.m. in Milner Chapel

Rev. Robert L. Hunter