

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 17, 2026

Ascension Sunday

10:45am

† People May Stand

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Chimes

Prelude

Dr. Jesse Gray

Welcome

Elder Marie Hicks

† Call to Worship

Clap your hands! Shout for joy!

Our Lord reigns on the throne of glory!

On the third day, Christ rose from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is enthroned in glory!

† Opening Hymn 148 (Blue Hymnal) "At the Name of Jesus" *King's Weston*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

In truth, Lord God, we do not bow at the name of Jesus. We are hesitant in proclaiming the Gospel. We are half-hearted in our service. We live as if our lives depended wholly on our own resources and skills. Forgive the smallness of our vision, the narrowness of our outlook, and our failure to recognize the fullness of your revelation in Christ. Give us, we pray, a deeper sense of wonder, a stronger faith and a greater grasp of your abiding love. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

(A moment for silent prayer follows)

Response 471 (*Glory to God*) verse 1

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Assurance of Pardon

† Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Exchange signs of peace with each other.

† Response 579 (Blue Hymnal) "Glory Be to the Father" *Gloria Patri*

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

The Children's Message

The Rev. Ruth L. Boling

Bible Presentation

Prayer for Illumination

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the scriptures are read and your word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:6-14

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Chapel Choir Anthem

"Hymn of Grateful Praise"

John Carter

Sermon

"He rose... He ascended..."

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Affirmation of Faith (*The Apostles' Creed*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

† Hymn of Response 192 (*Glory to God Hymnal*) *Shine, Jesus, Shine*
“Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining”

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (“debts” and “debtors”)

The Offering of our Lives

Offertory

† Response 460 (Blue) “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” *Doxology*

Offertory Prayer

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

† Sending Hymn 260 (*Glory to God Hymnal*) “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” *Hyfrydol*

Benediction

Choral Amen Artemis Johnson, Glockenspiel

Postlude



BLOOMFIELD
P R E S B Y T E R I A N
CHURCH ON THE GREEN