



# Camp Hill Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Ascension of the Lord Sunday

10:30 a.m.

## Welcome!

We are glad you are worshiping with us today.

*Childcare is available from 8:45 a.m. to noon in Room 3 of the Kuhn Education Wing.  
We also invite children to use our activity area in the sanctuary.*

*Assistive listening devices are available at the sound booth (rear of sanctuary).*

*Dean and Alice Crossland have given this morning's flowers in remembrance of the lives lost  
from mass shootings, domestic violence, and foreign violence.*

*Worship begins with the first note of the prelude — may we silence our voices and open our  
hearts, allowing the music to draw us together into the presence of God.*

Prelude

*Lift High the Cross*  
Janice Mills, guest organist

Donald Busarow

Welcome

\*Litany for Ascension of the Lord (from Psalm 47)

L: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with songs of joy. Lift up your hearts.

P: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: God is ruler over all the earth; the Lord reigns on a holy throne. Lift up your hearts.

P: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: God put this power to work in Christ, raising him from the dead. Lift up your hearts.

P: **We lift them to the Lord.**

*\*Those who are able are asked to please stand.*

L: Most high God, we are witnesses to the life of Jesus Christ our Lord – written in the Law, promised by the prophets, sung by the psalmists, given in love for the world, risen from the dust of death, lifted up in heavenly glory.

P: **Let our lives proclaim Christ's life.**

L: Draw us into your presence that we may worship you always, continually blessing your name.

P: **Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn 267

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

\*Call to Confession/Silent Personal Confession

Let us humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, casting all our anxiety on the Lord who cares for us. (1 Peter 5:6) Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin first in silence, and then with one voice using our common prayer of confession.

\*Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. Too often, we have gone along with the ways of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

The God of all grace, who calls us to eternal glory in Jesus Christ, will restore, support, and strengthen us. (1 Peter 5:10) In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

\*Gloria Patri

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end.  
Amen, Amen.***

Children's Message

The Rev. Stuart Seelman

(After the message, preschool and elementary-age children are invited to follow volunteers to the Little Kirk for an age-appropriate worship experience.)

First Reading (NT, p. 111):

John 17:1-11

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

*Clap Your Hands, All Ye Children*  
The Chancel Choir

Judy Hunnicutt

Second Reading (NT, p. 118):

Acts 1:6-14

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“You Shall Be My Witnesses: We Know What We Believe,  
We Live What We Believe, and We Share What We Believe”

The Rev. Nancy Conklin

\*Hymn 265

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

Moment for Stewardship

Bill Stout

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Jesus Shall Reign*  
Janice Mills, guest organist

arr. Alice Jordan

\*Easter Doxology (Tune: “Old Hundredth”)

*O Jesus, risen now to bless, do thou thyself our hearts possess;  
That we may give you all our days, the willing tribute of our praise!  
Amen.*

\*Prayer of Dedication

**O God, we thank you that Christ has entrusted us with the task of feeding your people in body, mind, and spirit. Make us faithful and courageous in our ministry of love, and may we use these gifts to your glory. Amen.**

Prayers of the People/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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn 826

*Lift High the Cross*

\*Benediction

Postlude

*Chaconne*  
Janice Mills, guest organist

Louis Couperin

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