

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
MAY 29, 2022

### GATHERING

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**CHORAL PSALM**

A Psalm of Thanksgiving (Psalm 100)

Come, all the earth, and praise the Lord.  
Be joyful and sing, for the Lord is good.  
God's mercy is forevermore; Oh come, be joyful, praise the Lord.  
Come, serve the Lord with grateful hearts.  
Be thankful and sing, for the Lord is good.  
God's truth will never, never fail;  
Oh come, be thankful, serve the Lord.  
You know the Lord is God who made us,  
and we are God's, the sheep of God's pasture.  
Let us sing an alleluia! Give thanks to God and bless God's name.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

from Luke 24 and Ephesians 1

You have heard what was written about Jesus in Scripture -  
how he would suffer and die  
and then rise from the dead on the third day;  
how the same power that raised Jesus from the dead  
raised him to heaven and seated him at the right hand of God,  
where he now lives to intercede on our behalf.

So let us come before God with confidence,  
through the loving intercession of our risen Lord,  
Jesus Christ!

## HYMN | STANDING

Lift Up Your Hearts, Believers



Lift\_ up your hearts, be - liev - ers! This is the\_ ho - ly day  
Lift\_ up your hearts, be - liev - ers! O gates, lift\_ up your heads!  
Lift\_ up your hearts, be - liev - ers! And do not\_ be down - cast,



when\_ Je - sus, our Re - deem - er, com - pletes sal - va - tion's way.  
Though\_ minds be full of won - der, though souls be\_ full of dread.  
for\_ Je - sus, our Re - deem - er, re - ceives the\_ crown at last.



The for - ty days are o - ver and clouds shine high and bright  
The Spir - it has been prom - ised and though we are a - lone  
The thorns of cru - ci - fix - ion are changed to stars of light,



as Christ, the O - ver - com - er, is lift - ed from our sight.  
we wait un - til that mo - ment when fire and wind are known.  
and Christ, the Lord of glo - ry, is named as God's de - light.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all time and space,  
we confess our failure to use our own time for your purposes.  
We give our hearts to trivial matters.  
We struggle to separate truth from deception.  
We ignore the violence in our streets.  
We exploit the world you have made.  
We have not loved you as our Redeemer,  
nor have we obeyed you as our Lord.  
Forgive us.  
Breathe into us a new spirit of service,  
that we may live our days to your glory.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

# LISTENING

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

## GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Children are dismissed to K-6 Sunday School after the scripture reading.*

## SERMON

*The Absent Presence*

Rev. Paul Gilmore

# RESPONDING

## MUSICAL OFFERING

Everywhere, You

Where I wander, you!  
Where I ponder, you!  
Only you everywhere, you, always you.  
When I am gladdened, you!  
When I am saddened, you!  
Only you everywhere, you, always you.  
Sky is you!  
Earth is you!  
You above!  
You below!  
You!

-Rabbi Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev, 18th century

## PROFESSION OF FAITH | STANDING

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
a new world has broken into ours—

**a world in which justice does come for the poor,  
freedom comes for the prisoners,  
and healing for the sick.**

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
a new community has been formed—

**a community that loves and cares for all members,  
a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected,  
a place where all find a place of belonging.**

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
a new creation has begun—

**all that was distorted is being restored,  
all that is corrupted is being renewed,  
all that was broken is being made whole.**

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
God's new world has begun.

Thanks be to God!

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | STANDING

The peace of the risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Peace, Sa - laam, Sha - lom. Peace, Sa - laam, Sha - lom.

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains two phrases of the prayer, and the second staff contains two more phrases, ending with a double bar line.

## PRAYERS FOR PEACE

### CELLO MEDITATION

Cavatina on Psalm 139

Your hand guides me, your right hand holds me fast.

-Psalm 139:9-10

### 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.

# SENDING

## CHORAL BENEDICTION

A Prayer for Peace

*Dona nobis pacem,*

grant us peace, O Lord.

*Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.*

On earth peace to people of goodwill.

For peace is like the gentle snow  
descending on the wounded heart,  
and covering every scar with hope  
to let the healing start.

So, Lord, today we lift an earnest prayer.

We whisper it upon the wind:

Come, speak your peace to our despair  
so we may dream again, believe again, and live again!

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

*Zoom links can be found in your weekly email or at [winnpres.org](http://winnpres.org).*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Sign up at [winnpres.org](http://winnpres.org) to receive our weekly email for all the latest WPC news.*

### WPC WOMEN'S GARDEN PARTY

Saturday, June 11 @ 12:30-3:30pm

Join us for a relaxing afternoon of lunch and fellowship together in Rebecca Massey's beautiful garden. 133 Chestnut Street (Winnetka, IL). Please RSVP to Lynne Frid ([fridfamily1@comcast.net](mailto:fridfamily1@comcast.net)).

### PANCAKES ON PENTECOST

NEXT SUNDAY following worship

Join us on Pentecost Sunday for a pancake breakfast put on by our youth to help raise money for this summer's mission trip to Centralia, WA (Geoff's hometown!) Our youth will be serving up pancakes, bacon and sausage with splashes of red to help us celebrate Pentecost! We will begin serving immediately following worship.

Purchase tickets at the door...

- \$10/adults
- \$5/youth & children
- Children 3 and under eat free
- \$30/Maximum for a family.

## WEAR RED NEXT WEEK!

Sunday, June 5 @ 10am

Wear a Fiery Color to Church Next Sunday! Pentecost, the birthday of the church and the culmination of the Easter season, is next Sunday. Help us decorate by wearing a fiery color (red, yellow, orange, magenta...fiery!) to worship next week.

## SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duffy

Greeters: Barbara Scott, Barbara Plochman

Lector: Barbara Scott

Musicians: Daniel Rausch, Elizabeth Vaughan,

Bryan Wlas, Laura Bumgarden,

Warren Oja

Sound: Stephen Gloyd

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