



Sunday, June 1, 2025  
The Ascension of Our Lord

# ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

## Prelude

Prelude in D Major

Johann Kaspar Ferdinand Fischer (1656-1746)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

## Psalm of the Day – Psalm 24:7-10

Lift up your heads, you gates;  
be lifted up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord strong and mighty,  
the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, you gates;  
lift them up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>1</sup>Who is he, this King of glory?

The Lord Almighty—  
he is the King of glory.

## Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

## Introit

“Sing Praise”

Music: Mark Patterson

IPC Singers

Chandler Cudlipp, Director

## \*Call to Worship

Boopathy Dhanapal

Leader: Jesus Christ has come into heaven and is at God's right hand— with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him.

**People: Since we have a great high priest who has gone into heaven— Jesus, the Son of God—let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.**

Leader: Let us praise his holy name! Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

**People: Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength be to our God forevermore! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia!**

## \*Hymn of Praise – #483 “Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

## Prayer of Confession

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love.

**People: In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon – 1 John 2:1-2**

Leader: My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**People: He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.**

### **God's Will for Our Lives – 1 Peter 4:7-8**

Leader: The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.

**People: Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.**

### **Children's Message**

Nathan Wannemacher

## **RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD**

### **Prayer of Illumination**

"Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet"

Music: Hugh Porter

### **Old Testament Reading – Psalm 47 (p. 571)**

Ingrid Käser

### **Meditation**

"Way Maker"

Music: Sinach

Samira Mall-Darby, Vocals; Gordon Schultz, Piano

### **New Testament Reading – Colossians 3:1-4 (p. 1184)**

Gabi Dhanapal

### **Sermon – "Things Above"**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

### **\*Hymn of Response – #144 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"**

## **PROFESSING WHAT WE BELIEVE**

### **\*The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

### Invitation

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

Leader: With joy we praise you, gracious God...

### Words of Institution

#### Prayer of Consecration

Leader: Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit...

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying:

#### The Lord's Prayer

#### The Bread and the Cup

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

#### Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Blesson George, Outreach &  
Missions Elder

#### Offertory

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

Music: A.L. Pete Butler; arr. Mark Patterson

## GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING

#### Welcome of Visitors

Blesson George

#### Announcements

#### Testimony

Dorothea & Nick Edmonds

**\*Hymn of Dedication** (Insert) – "Go Forth in His Name"

#### Benediction

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

#### Choral Benediction

"Amen"

Danish

#### Postlude

Allabreve in D Major BWV 589

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

***\*Please stand if you are able.***

*Today's cover art features a depiction of Christ's ascension from a 12<sup>th</sup> century English devotional book.*

*The IPCers helping lead today's service are from the Winterthur-Schaffhausen Small Group.*