

Getty and Townend

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Ascension Sunday

Preparation *for* Worship

As the Prelude begins, prepare your heart for worship and please silence your mobile devices.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:
Lord, as we come to worship You this morning, may Your Spirit open our hearts and our understanding to see both our own desperate need and Your gracious provision for our salvation in Jesus Christ. Open our eyes also to see Your greatness and glory more clearly. Convict us, convert us, cleanse us and consecrate us, so that we may willingly and wholeheartedly give ourselves to You and to Your service. Enable us now to worship You in spirit and in truth. This we pray in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

PRELUDE:
"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" with "Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring" arr. Carolyn Hamlin

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.
Jesu, joy of our desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright;
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light.
Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the mem’ry find
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of mankind.
Jesus, our only joy be Thou, as Thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be Thou our glory now, and through eternity.

WELCOME:

Pastor Shane Whelan

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Samuel 2:2-3, 9-10 (responsively)
There is none holy like the LORD: for there is none besides You;
There is no rock like our God.
Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth;
For the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by Him actions are weighed.
He will guard the feet of His faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail.
The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; He will give strength to His king and exalt the horn of His anointed.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #521
"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

SOLID ROCK

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (vs. 1 & 2)

HAMBURG

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST
"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."
(Romans 15:7)

(Children pre-K through first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to room #115.)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Joel 1:1-20 (page 76o)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

Pastor Brett Eubank

"The Soundtrack of Gospel Renewal"

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ Creed (in unison)
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.

*THE GLORIA:
"Gloria Patri"

GREATOREX

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! A—men, A—men!

THE RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:
(8:30)

"My Redeemer Is Faithful and True"

Amy Hall, soloist
Chapman and Elliott

As I look back on the road I’ve traveled,
I see so many times He carried me through.
If there’s one thing that I’ve learned in my life, my Redeemer is faithful and true.
My Redeemer is faithful and true. Everything He has said, He will do.
And every morning His mercies are new. My Redeemer is faithful and true.
My heart rejoices when I read the promise, there is a place I am preparing for you.
I know some day I’ll see my Lord, face to face,
For my Redeemer is faithful and true.
And in every situation He has proved His love for me.
When I lack the understanding, He gives more grace to me.

(11:00)

"Do You Love My Lord?"

Sanctuary Choir
Roy L. Belfield, Jr.

Is there anybody here who loves my Jesus? Anybody here who loves my Lord?
I want to know, yes, I want to know, do you love my Lord?
My soul feels happy when I love my Jesus,
My soul feels happy when I love the Lord.
Yes, I want to know, yes, I want to know, do you love my Lord?
Makes me feel like shoutin’ when I love my Jesus.
Makes me feel like singin’ when I love my Lord.
I want to know, yes, I want to know, do you love my Lord?
Tell it on the mountain that you love my Jesus.
Tell it in the valley that you love my Lord.
Children, I want to know, yes, I want to know, do you love my Lord?

*THE COMMUNION HYMN: (see insert)
"Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right"

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER:
If you are not a member of this congregation but are a baptized believer who is welcome to receive Communion in your home church, then you are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper with us. Baptized children of this congregation are welcome to receive the Sacrament after they have received instruction and admission by the Session. After reviewing the Communion packet with your child, contact the church office to set up a meeting with the pastors. The packet may be found at www.rivermont.org/communion.

The Words of Invitation and Institution

The Prayer of Consecration, concluding with The Lord’s Prayer (in unison):
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.

The Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

The Concluding Communion Prayer