Seventh Sunday of Easter



Ascension Sunday May 20, 2012

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO SERVE GOD

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	F WELCOMEDebbie Friberg					
CHILDRE	N'S MOMENT (Children ages 3 yrs -1 st grade are invited to gather on the steps with Rev. Cyd)					
ANNOUN	CEMENTS OF THE DAY					
PRELUDE						
*RFSPON	SIVE CALL TO WORSHIP					
Elder:	When they had come together, they asked him, Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel? The Lord answered,					
PEOPLE:	IT IS NOT FOR YOU TO KNOW THE TIMES OR PERIODS THAT THE FATHER HAS SET BY HIS OWN AUTHORITY. BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU; AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESS IN JERUSALEM, IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.					
Elder:	When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said,					
PEOPLE:	MEN OF GALILEE, WHY DO YOU STAND LOOKING UP TOWARD HEAVEN? THIS JESUS, WHO HAS BEEN TAKEN UP FROM YOU INTO HEAVEN, WILL COME IN THE SAME WAY AS YOU SAW HIM GO INTO HEAVEN.					
UNISON:	TODAY, JESUS ASCENDS TO HEAVEN, BUT OUR GAZE IS ON GOD'S WORLD. LET US WORSHIP THE ONE WHO MAKES US ONE! LET US PRAISE THE LORD WHOSE SALVATION IS FOR ALL!!					
*WORSHI	P HYMN					
	Alleluia! Sing to Jesus					
BRINGING	G IN THE LIGHT OF CHRISTKayleigh McNelis					
	ΓΙΟΝ AND LORD'S PRAYER					
from us. sun, bathi their knee God, for s what you hallowed l day our de us not into	have brought our beloved Savior into the realm of everlasting light. Yet, He is not far The fullness of His Spirit and your presence enfolds us like the warmth of the summer ing us with light, enabling us to flourish. As Christ commanded the sick to rise from its in Galilee, he now calls us to rise into the peace of His presence. So we praise you, showing us the immeasurable power that is at work in our lives. May we be faithful to have given us in Christ, praying today in His name, "Our Father, who art in heaven, the thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this the tilly bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead to temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory dever." Amen.					
*GLORIA	PATRI CH. 35					

THE COMMUNITY PROCLAIMS T	THE WORD OF GOD						
FIRST READING (pg 949)	Ephesians 1:15-23						
ANTHEM	arr. Sterling						
Feed My Sheep							
SECOND READING (pg 596)	Isaiah 52:7-12						
SERMON	Rev. Cyd Cowgill						
How Beautiful the Fe	et						
SILENT MEDITATION							
MORNING PRAYER							
THE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE							
MINUTE FOR MISSION	World Outreach Team						
OFFERTORY	arr. Ray						
Crown Him with Many Crown	ns						

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you, God, for empowering our prayers and multiplying our gifts. You provide for the needs through us. What a privilege! Widows and orphans and prisoners find hope in you because we join in caring for them. You give homes to the desolate when we share. Your power is working in us. Blessed by your name, O God. Amen.

Lo. I Am With You

The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed. You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

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*HYMN OF INVITATION (see screen

Lord of the Dance

During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.

BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Millicent Wise, Marla Terry, Erica Zyliak, Rick Lahy



Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today. We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that you will experience God's presence in the week ahead.

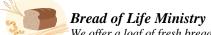
See you next Sunday!

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We offer a loaf of fresh bread to first time visitors. Please indicate your presence during worship.



