



# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ASCENSION SUNDAY

June 1, 2014

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

### CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME.....Tony Peris

CHILDREN’S MOMENT (*Children ages 3 yrs -2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.*) †

### ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

PRELUDE.....arr. Berry  
*Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP.....Michael Stevenson, Jr.

Leader: God of the heights, lift us up: we are crawling in the mire of everyday routine.

PEOPLE: **GOD OF THE HEAVENS, LIFT US UP: WE ARE OVERWHELMED WITH WHAT IS REQUIRED BY THE THINGS OF THIS EARTH.**

Leader: God of the stars, lift us up: we cannot see past the clouds of “truth” that some would have us believe.

PEOPLE: **GOD OF THE UNIVERSE, LIFT US UP: WE WANT TO STRETCH AND BREATHE AND SEE AND BE AWE-STRUCK.**

UNISON: **GOD OF ALL TIMES AND SEASONS, LIFT US UP TO WHERE YOU WANT US TO BE. RECEIVE US AS WE WORSHIP YOU THIS DAY.**

\*WORSHIP HYMN.....CH. 91 (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)  
*All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name*

\*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Anthony Martinez

### \*INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

Lord, You have brought our beloved Savior into the realm of everlasting light,. Yet, He is not far from us. The fullness of His Spirit and Your presence enfolds us like the warmth of the summer sun, bathing us with light, enabling us to flourish. As Christ commanded the sick to rise from their knees in Galilee, he now calls us to rise into the peace of His presence. So, we praise You, God, for showing us the immeasurable power that is at work in our lives. May we be faithful to what You have given us in Christ, praying today in His name, “*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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.*” Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI.....CH. 35

## THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg 450).....Psalm 47:1-9

ANTHEM.....arr. Sterling  
*Feed My Sheep*

SECOND READING (pg 884).....Acts 1:1-11

SERMON.....The Rev. Uwe C. Scharf, Ph.D.  
*The Ascension of Jesus and the Coming of the Holy Spirit*

### SILENT MEDITATION

### MORNING PRAYER

## THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD’S TABLE

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS.....Mary Peris

OFFERTORY.....arr. Ray  
*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank You, God, for empowering our prayers and multiplying our gifts. You provide for the needs of others through us. What a privilege! Widows and orphans and prisoners find hope in You because we join in caring for them. The desolate are lifted up when we share. Your power is working in us. Blessed be Your name , O God. Amen.

\*THE DOXOLOGY.....CH. 528  
*Give Thanks*

COMMUNION INVITATION.....Tony Peris

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 233 (vs. 1, 3)  
*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Ben Cowgill

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Diane Loftis

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....arr. Goldstein  
*Blessed Assurance*

*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 CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION**

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 699**

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*

*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**

‡ *Children Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder  
Youth remain in church.*

**\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

**DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**

Ed Coe, Marla Terry, Andrew Wells, Christie Wells



*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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***The Welcome Loaf***

*We offer a homemade loaf of bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please greet Rev. Cyd at the door following worship to receive your loaf.*



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