

ASCENSION SUNDAY June 1. 2014

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR **CHILDREN'S MOMENT** (Children ages 3 yrs -2^{nd} grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.) \ddagger ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise God of the heights, lift us up: we are crawling in the mire of everyday routine. Leader: GOD OF THE HEAVENS, LIFT US UP: WE ARE OVERWHELMED **PEOPLE:** WITH WHAT IS REOUIRED BY THE THINGS OF THIS EARTH. God of the stars, lift us up: we cannot see past the clouds of "truth" Leader: 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.

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg 450)	Psalm 47:1-9
ANTHEM	e
SECOND READING (pg 884)	Acts 1:1-11
SERMON	
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	СН. 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

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.

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

***BENEDICTION *TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD *POSTLUDE**

‡ Children Preschool – 2^{nd} 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!

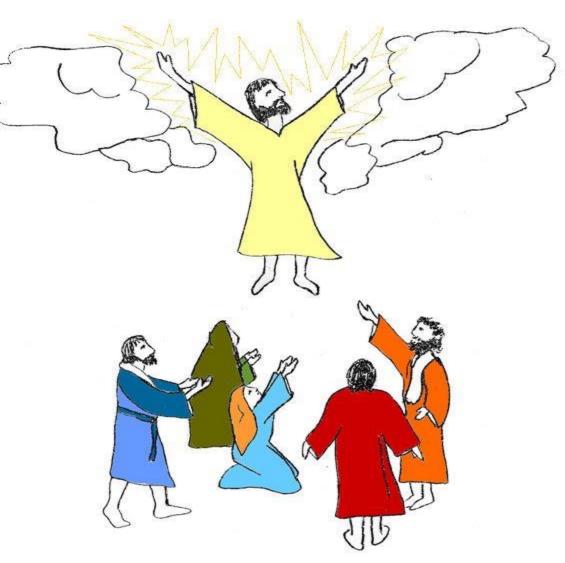


The Welcome Loaf

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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