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# Ascension Sunday

June 1, 2025

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The Ascension  
John Singleton Copley (1775)



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# JOURNEYING WITH JESUS THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

## THE ASCENSION OF JESUS

### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TO GATHER

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Why do you look upward?

**Our Lord has been taken away into heaven.**

Look around you. What do you see?

**There are so many places where the love of God is needed.**

Look beyond you. Where will you go?

**Christ calls to go into the world, bringing God's healing love to all. Amen.**

#### SING A HYMN: (Church Choice—1st and last verse)

#### \*PRAY: (After hearing requests, offer silent prayer for those on our list and in your heart.)

The watchword for this day is "Wait!" We have a hard time with that, O Lord. We want to get out and do something for you. We want to serve. We are itching to move and be about your work. Yet you call us to wait, until the Spirit is given to us. We are afraid of waiting, because sometimes it means losing our enthusiasm. Give us courage and strength to prepare our spirits for your service. Help us to know that you are with us always, opening our hearts and minds to your work and your will for us. As we have gathered this day to hear of Jesus' ascension, make us ready for your service. Help us to trust in all that Jesus said. For the time is coming, when our witness will be crucial, when our words and actions will reveal your love and healing power. Make us ready, Lord, for we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### SING A HYMN: "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast" 1, 2, 5..... (UMH #339) (CCLI 20203297)

1 Come, sinners, to the gospel feast; let every soul be Jesus' guest.  
Ye need not one be left behind, for God hath bid all humankind.

2 Sent by my Lord, on you I call; the invitation is to all.

Come, all the world! Come, sinner, thou! All things in Christ are ready now.

5 This is the time, no more delay! This is the Lord's accepted day.

Come thou, this moment, at his call, and live for him who died for all.

#### READ SCRIPTURE: Acts 1:1-11

#### SING A HYMN: {Church Choice— 1st and last verse}

#### READ OR LISTEN: The Ascension of Jesus.....(See Insert) Pastor Nan

**HOLY COMMUNION:** Ascension .....(See Insert) Pastor Nan

#### \*\*OFFERING PRAYER...PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS...DOXOLOGY (UMH #95)

Bless these gifts, O Lord of all, that we might worship you with great joy and serve your people with great love. In Christ's name, amen.

#### INSTRUMENTAL OR VOCAL MUSIC

#### \*BENEDICTION: (Please remain quietly in your pew until the candles are extinguished.)

You are called to witness to God's love. Prepare your hearts and spirits to receive power from on high. Go into God's world in confidence, offering healing and hope to all you meet. Go in peace and may God's peace be with you. **Amen.**

#### REFLECT AT HOME ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

Review Acts 1:1–11. Have you heard many lessons on the ascension of Jesus? Why do you think the story of the ascension is often neglected in Christian circles today?

How does Jesus' departure prepare the way for His return? Why is that return important to the disciples and to us?

#### OFFER YOURSELF DURING THE WEEK:

Ask several Christian friends what they know about Jesus' ascension. Help them consider why it's important and what it means to them.

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