



The purpose of our Community is:

❧❧❧ *“Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ”* ❧❧❧

Prelude

Shirlene Everhart

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Every worship service opens by invoking the name, the presence, and the power of the one true God, the God in whose name and by whose power we became members of the Holy Christian Church in our Baptism.

*(Pastor) In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
(Everyone) Amen.*

Prayer of Confession of Sin

[Everyone]: Gracious Heavenly Father, as this morning we continue our Easter season walk with the risen Christ, we also rejoice today as we celebrate the Ascension of our Savior! Yet we must also pause this morning to recognize our sinful condition and seek our Savior’s forgiveness. We understand that we have not lived perfect lives and instead have often sinned in weakness. We have said and done things of which we are ashamed. We have not always treated our family and loved ones in a way that is God pleasing; and we have not always been consistent in our walk of faith.

Therefore, as today we rejoice in the Ascension of Christ, we also come before You with a penitent heart, and seek Your pardon and peace, for the sake of Your Son’s suffering and death. Please forgive us through the merits of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who paid the price for our sins on the cross. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Grace

[Pastor]: The Easter season focuses our hearts and minds on our sins and our risen and ascended Savior! In that regard, the Bible tells us that we are to penitently confess our sins. Having done so in faith, we now humbly and sincerely seek God's pardon. Christ has promised to us His forgiveness because of His suffering and death at Calvary. Thus, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in the stead and by command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Hymn*I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus, #376***Children's Sermonette:***'What goes up ...'*

Pastor McDonald

Worship Through Our Giving*We express our gratitude to God as we give to support the work of the church so that more people may hear the Good News about Jesus. Please ask an usher if you need an envelope.***Offertory****We Worship Through Speaking and Hearing the Word of God***We read the Word of God to strengthen, encourage, and challenge us for the week ahead.***Old Testament Lesson***Acts 1:4-11 [NKJV]*

⁴ And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," *He said*, "you have heard from Me; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶ Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." ⁹ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹ who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

Epistle Lesson*Ephesians 1:15-23 [NKJV]*

¹⁵ Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶ do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power ²⁰ which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, ²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. ²² And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Pastor: The Words of Our Lord...(Consecration of the Elements)

Everyone: 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. And 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.

Distribution,

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Children of the Heavenly Father, #560

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.

Everyone: Thanks be to God

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***Postlude Music***

## ***Things going on during the week:***

***Monday-Friday: 7:15 am to 5 pm Little Blessings Christian School***

***Thursdays: 5 pm, Choir practice***

## ***Birdhouse = Building Fund Donations***

Please place all and any donations for the Building Fund in the Birdhouse. This fund is needed to replace 'The Shack' and build for the future of this church. Being more visible to Mission Avenue we hope to attract Christians looking for a new home and non-Christians looking for what is missing in their life.

## ***Mark Your Calendars!***

***May 21, Council meeting today, after fellowship time.***

***June 10, Saturday - Women's Bible Study, 10 am.***

***June 18, Council meeting today, after fellowship time.***

***July 8, Saturday - Women's Bible Study, 10 am.***

***July 16, Council meeting today, after fellowship time.***

***August 6, Sunday - Love Offering ... for Missions***

Once a quarter, we will be collecting a special offering in the 'Missions Giving Box' on your way out of the Sanctuary for our Missionaries. This offering is above and beyond our regular giving. In planning ahead, we will repeat the Love Offerings in 2020 on the first Sunday in February, May, August & November.

***August 12, Saturday - Women's Bible Study, 10 am.***

***August 20, Council meeting today, after fellowship time.***





# I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus

I am trusting You, Lord Jesus,  
Trusting only You;  
Trusting You for full salvation,  
Free and true..

I am trusting You for pardon;  
At Your feet I bow,  
For Your grace and tender mercy  
Trusting now.

I am trusting You for cleansing  
In the crimson flood;  
Trusting You to make me holy  
By Your blood.

I am trusting You to guide me;  
You alone shalt lead,  
Ev'ry day and hour supplying  
All my need.

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# Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father!  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not:  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided-  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow-  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

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# Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees,  
Let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees,  
Let us drink wine together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees,  
Let us praise God together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

# Children of the Heavenly Father

Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish:  
In His holy courts they flourish,  
From all evil things He spares them,  
In His mighty arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord, His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth,  
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Praise the Lord in joyful numbers:  
Your Protector never slumbers.  
At the will of your Defender  
Ev'ry foeman must surrender.

Though He giveth or He taketh,  
God His children ne'er forsaketh,  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.

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