



United Presbyterian Church
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United Presbyterian Church Worship Guide

May 21, 2023

Ascension Sunday

Seventh Sunday of Easter



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

For All the Saints

Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

Benjamin Watkins, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Haverstock, Liturgist

Liturgist: Clap your hands, all people!

People: Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Liturgist: For God rules over earth and heaven.

People: Sing our psalms of praise!

Liturgist: God has gone up with a shout;

People: let us make a joyful noise to God!

***Opening Hymn** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* #151



PASSING OF THE PEACE (liturgist & congregation)

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

- Liturgist: Let us share the peace with one another.

Music for Meditation

Benjamin Watkins, piano

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison with Liturgist)

Christ who was and is and is to come, we stand looking up at the heavens, looking for you there. Forgive us for believing that you have left us. Forgive us for failing to recognize you in the world around us. Forgive us for waiting idly for your return, instead of doing the work you have called us to do. You are above us, around us, before us, and within us; help us to embody you in our time and place, today, tomorrow, and forevermore.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Liturgist)

Hear this astounding truth: Christ is the one who reigns on high, Christ is the one with the power to judge us, and Christ is the one who offers us eternal love, forgiveness, and mercy.

People: All praise to Christ who lived, died, and lives again! Alleluia!

First Lesson *Acts 1: 1 - 11* (pew Bible p. 837; large print p. 1688) liturgist

Second Lesson *Luke 24: 44 - 53* (pew Bible p. 922; large print p. 1866) Reverend

Reverend: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

Now What?

Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH— The Apostle’s Creed (traditional) led by Rev. Montgomery
I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only
Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy
Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Gloria Patri.*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER – Reverend Montgomery
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 debts, as we forgive
our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Montgomery

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Montgomery

**Doxology*

#592

***Closing Hymn** *Love Divine All Loves Excelling* #376

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

POSTLUDE *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

UPC Prayer List - Email requests to: upcbloomington@gmail.com.

Michelle Heitink and family as they mourn the loss of their mother Ceci Schuman
Shea Henry Susan Lorimer, daughter-in-law of Sue Lorimer Olivia McKenzie Kathleen Olds
Rev. David Rosen Patricia Spir Anita Steverson Virginia McCartney Berta Wenneker
His Eyes Mission in Honduras Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in Uganda
Our military men and women around the world

Fairview Presbyterian Church is a rural parish located in Gibson County, between Princeton
and Francisco. Established in 1895, it continues to have a vital ministry to the local area.
Averaging over 40 in worship, the church maintains a Sunday school, youth ministries, and an
annual Vacation Bible school, as well as hosting many social events. The original church
structure burned due to an electrical fire in 2004, but a new worship space and community
center was built and is debt-free. The church family is known for its welcoming atmosphere,
vital spirituality, and strong personal connections. Fairview is actively seeking a new Pastor.
We are currently having guest speakers and retired Ministers along with congregation
members sharing their walk with Christ.