

May 21. 2023 Ascension Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRELUDE “

INVITATION TO WORSHIP (Leigh Ann Shaw)

Let us gather in this space.

We gather from many places.

Let us center ourselves for worship.

We are one in the Spirit with joy in our hearts.

Let us receive God's blessing.

God's blessing is ours. We are God's beloved!

*HYMN PH #205 “*Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise*”

OPENING PRAYER (Leigh Ann Shaw)

Breath of God, renew us in this time of worship. Help us set aside thoughts that trouble us. Help us pause the challenges of the world that taunt us. Pour your spirit within each one of us, that we may be re-spirited in this hour by your grace. Amen.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

The Acts of the Apostles 1:6-14

A SERMON “Why Are You Standing There?”

HYMN PH #195 “*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*”

PRAYERS FOR THE DAY

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Response

THE OFFERING

Invitation to Giving

Offertory

Doxology#514

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Leigh Ann Shaw)

Endless source of life, pour your blessing upon the gifts we bring before you. Bless our giving in your abundance for the restoration for all people. Amen

HYMN PH#372 “*How Firm a Foundation*”

BENEDICTION