



*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
May 24, 2020 • *The Ascension of Our Lord*

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

9:30 a.m.

Ascension marks the day on which Jesus went to the Mount of Olives with His disciples and ascended to heaven before their eyes (Acts 1.1-12). Though often overlooked, the ascension of Christ is filled with theological significance. Christ's ascension means that in heaven there is One who, knowing first-hand the experience of suffering and temptation, prays for us and perfects our prayers. The ascension is a witness and guarantee of our own bodily resurrection, as well as an invitation for us to set our hearts and minds "on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God" (Colossians 3.1-2) to rule over all things in heaven and throughout the universe (Ephesians 1.10, 20-23). Finally, the ascension of Jesus serves as the prelude to Pentecost, when the power of the risen Christ came upon all believers through the Holy Spirit. —The Worship Sourcebook

Prelude

"PCPC Anniversary Fanfare"

Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass • Jimmy Mitchell, *bagpipe*
Bryan Varenkamp, *conductor*
(originally recorded in our services on March 5, 2017)

Welcome and Call to Worship

The Rev. Mark Davis

Minister: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

**All: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!
God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.**

Psalm 47:5-8

Hymn

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass
(originally recorded in our services on March 5, 2017)

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; and round His pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for Thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Prayer of Adoration

The Rev. Paul Goebel

Profession of Faith

Mr. Davis

**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 at 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.**

The Apostles' Creed

Charge to Graduating Seniors

Danny Stimson

Lilly Anderson
Rhodes Baker
Karsen Bock
Spencer Buchholtz
David Burke
Zane Clark
Nell Covington
Harrison Cook
Mason DeYoung
Helen Emerson
Will Florer
Burton Gale
Ella Giese
Harold Glasscock
Emma Golik
Henry Goodson
Harris Gould
Andrew Graham

Charlie Griege
Sophia Hagstrom
Spencer Harper
Emily Hea
Graham Hill
Roman Hill
Robert Huffman
Zion Koen
Jack Ladue
Katie LaDue
Elizabeth Laird
Katie Laird
Max Lipscomb
Brooke Lowrance
Caden McClure
Jordan Meacham
Andrew Merrick
Emily Morrow

Josh Nash
Biz Newsom
Patrick Pierce
Katelyn Porter
Holt Randall
Bethany Roberts
Hayley Scott
Matthew Sharp
David Sherer
Maxson Smith
Sophia Sribounheuang
Luke Turner
Lauren Washburn
Andrew Washburne
Cassie Weber
Elizabeth Wiebe
Brandes Woodall
Isabella Yates

Musical Meditation

“Be Still, My Soul”

arr. Nielson

Will Hughes, *vocalist* • Stephen Nielson, *piano*

Great was Your mercy in ascending to heaven
in being crowned and enthroned there to intercede for me,
there to help me in temptation,
there to open the eternal book,
there to receive me finally to Yourself.
Great was Your wisdom in devising this means of salvation;
bathe my soul in rich consolations of Your resurrection life.
O God, pardon all my sins,
known and unknown,
felt and unfelt,
confessed and not confessed,
remembered or forgotten.
Grant me more and more of the resurrection life:
may it rule me, may I walk in its power,
and be strengthened through its influence.

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. 1 Corinthians 6.14

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Prayer of Intercession

Mr. Davis

Musical Meditation “The Heart’s Desire” *David Schwoebel*
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, conductor • Dr. Nathan Davy, organ
Stephen Nielson, piano • Elise Belk, oboe
(originally recorded in our services on April 22, 2018)

*One thing have I desired, one thing will I seek after:
to dwell in the house of the Lord forever, and ever
and to inquire in His temple.* adapted from Psalm 27.4

The Scripture Reading

Acts 1.1-11

*In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do
and teach,
2 until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commands through
the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen.
3 He presented Himself alive to them after His suffering by many proofs,
appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the Kingdom of God.
4 And while staying with them He ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but
to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, “you heard from Me;
5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not
many days from now.”
6 So when they had come together, they asked Him, “Lord, will You at this time
restore the kingdom to Israel?”
7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father
has fixed by His own authority.
8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you
will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the
end of the earth.”
9 And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up,
and a cloud took Him out of their sight.*

¹⁰ *And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes,*

¹¹ *and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven."*

The Sermon

“His Kingdom Come”

Mr. Goebel

Closing Hymn

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

Keith and Kristyn Getty, *piano/vocal*, and the Getty Band
(originally recorded in our services on December 9, 2018)

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end;
By His life He brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts along;
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

The Benediction

Mr. Goebel

Minister: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

Amen.

Revelation 1.4-6

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

“In Christ Alone”

Getty/Townend

Keith and Kristyn Getty, *piano/vocal*
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