



The Celebration of Worship

May 16, 2021 Ascension Sunday

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson
Pastoral Resident: Veronica Gould
Worship Leader: Liam Wright
Pianist: Janet Hill
Japanese Reader: Miyo Uchida
Zoom Moderator: Nancy Arata-Fong

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Please join in lighting a candle at home.

Introit

All: Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit make us one. Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.

Call to Worship

Liam Wright

Leader: Christ is alive. He is risen from the dead.

People: The Holy One calls us to worship and praise.

Leader: Baptized with the power of the Holy Spirit,

People: we live with Christ in our hearts.

Leader: Clap your hands and shout to God with loud songs of joy.

People: Sing praises to God, who fills the world with forgiveness and grace.

All: Let us worship God!

Confession Prayer

Liam Wright

Leader: Jesus said, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Holy One has set."

People: Yet we keep searching for signs and omens, trying to predict the future instead of living fully each day.

Leader Jesus said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

People: Yet we are more concerned with following the proper procedures, than with opening our hearts to those around us.

Leader: Jesus said, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you."

People: Forgive us, Holy One, when we try to shape the world according to our desires, instead of asking for the power to do Your will.

Assurance of God's Grace

Liam Wright

Leader: The Holy One enlightens the eyes of our hearts, that we may know the hope to which we are called. In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Glory to God.

Response to God's Forgiveness

All: Glory be to Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Liam Wright

Leader: The peace of Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Veronica Gould

Hymn

"Bless the Lord My Soul"

Unison Prayer Of Guidance

Liam Wright

All: Now may the words of our mouth, the meditation of our hearts, the interpretation of our minds, and the response of our hands be acceptable to You, our Lord and our Redeemer. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Japanese Reading: Psalm 47:5-7

Miyo Uchida

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our Majesty, sing praises.
For God is the sovereign of all the earth;
sing to God a psalm of praise.

1st Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:15-19

Liam Wright

That is why, when I heard of the solid trust you have in the Lord Jesus and your outpouring of love to all the followers of Jesus, I could not stop thanking God for you—every time I prayed, I would think of you and give thanks. But I do more than thank. I ask—ask the God of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this

glorious way of life he has for his followers—the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength!

2nd Scripture Reading: Acts 1:1-11 Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

In my former book, *Theophilus*, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “People of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Sermon Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

“So What Do We Do Now?”

Musical Offering Janet Hill

“The Summons” by John L. Bell
Time for silent reflection.

Opportunity To Present Offerings Liam Wright

Doxology Liam Wright

All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication
Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Liam Wright
Veronica Gould

The Lord’s Prayer

All: Our Parent Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Response: “Shalom”

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, Kami no mi megumi. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, may we be blessed with grace from God.)

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, yuta kani, yuta kani, yuta kani. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, abundantly, abundantly, abundantly.)

In Appreciation:

Online Greeter
Coffee Time

May Lee
Parkview Presbyterian Women