



Becoming a beloved community of God where all belong.
Ascension Sunday May 12, 2024

Prelude: *Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor* | Tune: BRYN CALFARIA by William Owen | Arr. by Larry Shackley

Opening Hymn: H-216 | *Hail thee, festival day*

Gospel Hymn: H-215 | *See, the Conqueror mounts in triumph*

Offertory Anthem: *Christ, Upon the Mountain Stands* | Words: Mark Schweizer | Music: Robert Lehman

Christ, upon the mountain stands, vision of the Father's blessing;
Blazing forth to all the lands, saints and angels now professing. Alleluia!

Law and prophets have their place in the cloud of wondrous glory;
Chosen witnesses of grace, there to see and tell the story. Alleluia!

God, in majesty, descends, then proclaims to all before him:
This is my beloved Son! nations, come now and adore him. Alleluia!

Faithful hearts we lift on high, joyful strains, our voices raising
For this vision's mystery, songs of wonder, hymns of praising. Alleluia!

Communion Hymn: H-468 | *It was poor little Jesus, yes, yes*

Closing Hymn: H-460 | *Alleluia! sing to Jesus!* (Omit verse 3)

Postlude: *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* | Tune: DARWALL'S 148th by John Darwall | Arr. John Innes

The Collect/ Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Readings: <https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB/RCL/Easter/BAscension/RCL.html>

Psalm 47 – Prayed responsively by whole verse

1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.

2 **For the LORD Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.**

- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 **He chooses our inheritance for us, ***
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, *
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 **Sing praises to God, sing praises; ***
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 **God reigns over the nations; ***
God sits upon his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 **The rulers of the earth belong to God, ***
and he is highly exalted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pentecost & International Brunch – We will celebrate Pentecost next Sunday, May 19, and invite you to bring a dish from your heritage to share for our International Brunch which will take place immediately following the worship service. Please wear red on Pentecost!

Healing Prayers – Next Sunday, Pentecost, we will begin a monthly ministry of healing prayers. During the Eucharist you may visit the Healing Prayer volunteers who will be at the back of the church for private prayers for healing for you or for someone in your life.

Roberta Miller Learning Cottage Final Fundraiser - St. Nicholas' leadership has committed \$10,000 as Matching Funds for the Final Fundraiser for the Learning Cottage. We anticipate needing \$35,000 to complete the extra work to finish the project which includes the fire alarm electrical work, the skirting for the building, ramp and stairs, and the fencing for the HVAC and electrical panels behind the main building. We appreciate any support you might be able to provide. Please write checks to **St. Nicholas** with *Learning Cottage* on the memo line.

Girl Scout Camp Helpers Needed - Camp Sunshine - July 15-19; Monday- Wednesday 9-3, Thursday 9-7, Friday 9-Noon. Theme: Exploration in the Sun at Boyds Presbyterian Church, Boyds, MD. We are looking for adults, girls and teens who want to earn SSL hours - we will train girls to be PAs. Contact Tess Ericson at GSCampSunshine.Boyds.MD@gmail.com.

Save the Date – Sunday, June 9 – Darnestown Road Clean Up. Rain date will be June 16th. All volunteers are needed and welcome to collect the trash from Germantown to Seneca Roads.

Save the Date – Sunday, June 30 – Bishop Mariann will be visiting St. Nicholas for our 10:00 service and will, hopefully, dedicate the Roberta Miller Learning Cottage.

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