



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

#### Prelude

#### Call to Worship

From Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy; for the Lord, the Most High, is awesome!

God has gone up with a shout!

God rules over all the earth!

God is King over all the nations!

God sits above every ruler and authority.

Sing praises to our God, sing praises, for He is highly exalted.

#### Invocation

#### Hymn of Praise

"God Has Gone Up With Shouts of Joy"

#### Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

You call us to be witnesses to the ends of the earth, and You clothe us with power from on high.

Yet we stand still, our eyes fixed on the heavens, not seeing the needs of the world around us.

We cling to the past, for we find comfort in familiar traditions, even if they no longer serve Your purposes.

We fear the future, for we cannot imagine a season of new ministry, even though You promise to empower us, and be with us.

Refocus us, O Lord, and fill us with expectant hope, as we step into the future with You by our side.

Enlighten our hearts to discern Your will, so we might embody the fullness of Christ at work in the world.

*(a time for personal reflection)*

Hear the good news!

Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

In the mercy of God through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. AMEN

#### Old Testament Reading

Daniel 7:9-14

#### Morning Prayer

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

#### Hymn of Reflection

"Revelation Song"

#### New Testament Lesson

Acts 1:1-11

#### Sermon

"Heaven Meets Earth"

Rev. Gary Ihfe

#### Hymn of Commitment

"My Savior, My God"

#### Benediction

#### Postlude