

Thought for Meditation: “The ascension reminds us that Christianity is not only an historical faith, but a faith of the present and future. Jesus is, right now, in glorified humanity on the throne of the universe, wielding as the God-man “all authority in heaven and on earth”, (Matthew 28:18). Jesus is not just our suffering servant who came and died and rose triumphant, but our actively ruling, actively conquering king.” -David Mathis

Prelude

Roger Greene

Welcome & Updates on Our Life Together

Pastor Phil Aijian

Call to Worship

Linda Cummings

Elder: Jesus has risen!

People: And so shall we!

Elder: On this sixth Sunday of Easter, let us worship Your goodness, love, and mercy.

People: Let us worship our living, saving God! Let us sing praise to the Risen Messiah Jesus of Nazareth! Amen.

Praise Song

Let Every Voice With Every Breath

Call to Confession

Linda Cummings

Elder: God, we need Your forgiveness. We need to confess to You our sins. Jesus, we pray that You help us grow.

People: Lord, may we grow in our vulnerability. May we be willing to praise You with our voices. May we more often make a joyful noise of praise to You!

Elder: This Easter season, may we grow and be transformed by God, through true and vulnerable repentance.

People: Jesus, may we live in the Good News. May we remember the Resurrection. May we sing of Your goodness! Help us to be bold, brave, and humble.

Elder: May we be more like You, Jesus. Spirit, guide us to answer the calls that You are giving us as individuals and as a faith family. God, we now share our Prayer of Confession.

Prayer of Confession

Linda Cummings

People: Jesus, help us to be moved by Your Spirit authentically. May we be vulnerable in worship, while we praise Jesus! May You help us to understand where we need to change and grow. Bring us back, closer to You and each other. Cast away all shame, resentment, and isolation from us, dear Lord. Jesus, we now share our silent, personal confessions with You.

(Silent personal confession)

Elder: Amen. **People: Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Linda Cummings

Elder: Jesus has mercifully gifted us all with unending grace, love, and forgiveness of our sins.

People: Hallelujah! Let us sing the Good News! We are witnesses and followers of Jesus!

Elder: We are free, forgiven, transformed, and called because of Jesus! Let us praise God!!!

People: Jesus deserves all of our praise and songs! Let us share the Good News! Amen!

Gloria Patri - Glory Be to the Father

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Phil Aijian

Anthem

Soon and Very Soon

Chancel Choir

Children's Message

Youth Director Bryce Morrow

Passing of the Peace

Pastor Mary: May the peace of Christ be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Scripture

Luke 24:36-53

Message

“Appear and Ascend”

Pastor Mary

Communion—Invitation to the Table, Prayer of Thanksgiving, Remembrance of the Last Supper, Prayer after the Gift of Daily Bread

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:

Praise & Offering Song

Roger Greene

Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow

Prayer of Dedication

Linda Cummings

People: Dear God, may the sharing of our time, treasure, and talent be used for the Kin-dom of God. May we support justice, peace, and loving all of our neighbors.

May we give and serve to create and help foster the Kin-dom of God. Help us love You, ourselves, and each other. Let Your will be done. Amen.

Charge & Benediction

Pastor Mary

Postlude

Roger Greene