



Reach One More For Jesus!

Seventh Sunday of Easter/
Ascension Sunday

May 16, 2021

† *Congregation rises in body or spirit*
Congregational response in bold

PRELUDE "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" by Ludwig van Beethoven Thelma Downey

CENTERING WORDS Betty Neese
God, thank You for this day and the opportunities it offers to share Your love with others. Amen.

WELCOME Betty Neese

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** Betty Neese

L: To worship and pray,

P: we have come this day.

L: To meditate on God's teachings,

P: we have come this day.

L: Gathered as one family of Christ,

P: we come together in love. Amen.

† **OPENING HYMN** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" vs. 2 & 4

2. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save. His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

4. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

OPENING PRAYER Betty Neese

Blessed are you, Holy One, creator of all that is and all that ever will be. You sent Your holy child, Jesus, to heal us and bless us, to show us Your love. After His suffering and death on the cross,

He was still among us, proclaiming repentance and forgiveness of sins for all who call on His Name. Just as You sent the power of the Holy Spirit to those who first believed, fill us now with Your power and grace, that we may become the hands and feet, and heart and spirit, of Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Betty Neese

Acts 1:1-11 NIV

Jesus Taken Up Into Heaven

¹ In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ 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. ⁴ 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. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ 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." ⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men 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."

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "JESUS WENT UP TO HEAVEN, NOW WHAT?"

Pastor Tom

COMMUNION HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)

Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Tom

Our Father Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE

Pastor Tom

GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS)

Pastor Tom

† **DOXOLOGY** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Betty Neese

God of all creation, powerful Spirit, Savior of all, use our gifts to bring hope to a world that is in need of Your grace. Amen.

† **CLOSING HYMN** “Jesus Is All the World to Me” vs. 3, 4

3. Jesus is all the world to me, and true to him I'll be; O how could I this friend deny, when he's so true to me? Following him I know I'm right, he watches o'er me day and night; following him by day and night, he's my friend.

4. Jesus is all the world to me, I want no better friend; I trust him now, I'll trust him when life's fleeting days shall end. Beautiful life with such a friend, beautiful life that has no end; eternal life, eternal joy, he's my friend.

† **BENEDICTION**

Pastor Tom

POSTLUDE “In Christ There Is No East or West” by Harry T. Burleigh

Thelma Downey

In Ministry:

Pastor Tom Tran

Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon, East District Superintendent

Bishop Grant Hagiya, California-Pacific Annual Conference



Cheerfully Serving the Lord in Worship this Morning...

Liturgist: Betty Neese **Head Usher:** Jack Holstad Assisted by: Penny Holstad, Ron & Sandra Glickman, Bill Casaga, and Sonya Moore **Organist:** Thelma Downey

Sound Technician/Video Technician: Tiffany Douglas