

**Grace United Methodist Church – Valley Stream
Order of Worship**

Ascension Sunday/Memorial Day Sunday

May 29, 2022

10:00 A.M.

Zoom Meeting ID: 883 84930735 Passcode: 086482

Phone # 1 929 205 6099

Greeting

Opening Voluntary – “Prelude” by E. Ashford

Call to Worship

L: Clap your hands, people of God.

P: Shout to God with cries of joy.

L: Look to the heavens, brothers and sisters in Christ.

P: Witness the power of our God.

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Choral Introit – “Lord, Send Out Your Spirit” (Psalm 104) by S. DeCesare

Opening Prayer

God of mystery, part the veil that keeps us from seeing your full glory and might. Open our eyes to behold the risen Christ, who ascended to you in glory. Open our hearts this day, that our spirits may ascend to you as he ascended that day. Focus our thoughts on the power of your salvation, that we may move beyond the mundane to contemplate mysteries and wonders worthy of our meditations. May we be found worthy of your great gifts, and may we be clothed with your power on high. Amen. (AWA, 2022)

Opening Hymn #103 - “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

Prayer of Yearning

Merciful God, raise our sights and our hopes. Even as we yearn for your glorious inheritance, we settle for so much less. Even as we long to behold the extraordinary, we keep our eyes fixed on the ground. Even as we hope to inherit your glorious kingdom, we keep our hearts attuned to earthly power. Even as we desire to rest in the arms of your love, we listen to voices that sow discord. May your Holy Spirit find us ready when the one who ascended on high returns to his own. Amen. (AWA, 2022)

Words of Assurance

Wait patiently for the Spirit to stir your spirit. Wait hopefully to be filled by the living God. For God justifies our hope, and Christ fills our cup with power from on high. (AWA, 2022)

Scriptures

New Testament – History – Acts 16:16-34 (Paul and Silas in Prison)

16 One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. **17** While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." **18** She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. **19** But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. **20** When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews **21** and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." **22** The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. **23** After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. **24** Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. **25** About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. **26** Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. **27** When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. **28** But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." **29** The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. **30** Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" **31** They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." **32** They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. **33** At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. **34** He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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New Testament – Gospel – John 17:20-265 (Jesus Prays for the People)

20 "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, **21** that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. **22** The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, **23** I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. **24** Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. **25** "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. **26** I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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Hymn before Message #367 - "He Touched Me"

HE TOUCHED ME

Message – "The Ultimate Sacrifice"

Kim Neri

Director of Junior Choir and Bell Choirs

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer and Choral Response

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Christ offers his glorious inheritance among the saints. Rest in this blessed assurance, as we share signs of the peace of Christ with one another. (AWA, 2022)

Invitation to Tithes and Offering

Our lives have been blessed by flowing waters and harvests of fruits. Let us share our harvests with you and your world. (AWA, 2022)

Choral Selection – "If You Only Had One Son" by D. Johnson

Doxology - Hymn #95 – "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" *OLD 100th*

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn #363 - "And Can It Be that I Should Gain"

SAGINA

Dismissal with Blessing

Closing Voluntary – "Andante" by W. E. Clare

~Please remain for the Post Postlude~

Post Postlude (For **Memorial Day**) – "Taps" arr. Meegan Coleman

Our **Liturgist** today is Bob DiSalvo and our **Reader** is Pat Eshun.



Prayer List. †♦♥The children and teachers who were killed at the Robb Elementary School in Uralde, TX, ♦♥Family and friends of the victims of the Robb Elementary School in Uralde, TX, †♦♥Family of Vincent Finlay (brother of Desmond Nation), ♥General Steven W. Gilland (friend of Barbara Siegl), ♥Virginia Barone (great aunt of Lisa Becker), †♥Barbara Gilbert Thomsen (aunt of Debbielee Thomsen, ♥Family of Barbara Gilbert Thomsen (sons Gilbert and Kris and daughter Tammy Jane), †♥Kris Thomsen (cousin of Debbielee Thomsen), ♥Jim Poch, ♥Christine Doeringer, ♥Rasheen Rutledge (cousin of Naomi Brown), ♥Richard Keller (son of Bert Keller), ♥Lisel (daughter of Evelyn Neber), ♥Carolyn O'Loughlin, ♥Our Military men and women here and abroad, ♥First Responders, ♥Mason Baker (cousin of Debbie Nicosia), ♥Sherry Schutt (niece of Pearl Hamilton), ♥Thornton Stone (father of Brian Stone), ♥People of Ukraine, ♥Roael Cooke (brother-in-law of Pearl Hamilton), ♥Ramona Morrison (daughter of Margo and Vincent Morrison), ♥Averil Wallace (relative of Earl Boyd), ♥Neil Allen (son-in-law of Margo and Vincent Morrison), ♥Pastor Nation, ♥Coleen Murray, ♥Velda Mathis (sister-in-law of Marianne Pike), ♥Maria Smith (mother of Rebecca Heyward), ♥Kenneth Richardson, ♥Nancy Roman (friend of Sing Larson), ♥Alice Shubrick (friend of Pearl Hamilton), ♥Faith Pollack (friend of Sing Larson), ♥Pearl Hamilton, ♥Charles Zipperlen, ♥Anne Mahoney, ♥Douglas Hayes, ♥Ulysses Ceazer (friend of Svetlana Hamlet), ♥Hensbert Neville Brooks (husband of Mahalia Brooks), ♥Kay Hartmann, ♥All United Methodist Women in Rehabilitation and Nursing Homes, ♥Shirley Shivrattan-Dookhi, ♥Juliana Bonds (sister of Eleanor Phillip), ♥Maudlyn and Keible Scarlett, ♥Amy Cooke (sister of Pearl Hamilton), ♥Bob von Schmid (son-in-law of Adam and Christine Doeringer), ♥Kenneth Kurz (grandson of Lenore and Manny Kurz), ♥Michael Kurz (son of Lenore and Manny Kurz), ♥Airman Jayvee Kurz (grandson of Lenore and Manny Kurz), ♥Elaine Treske, ♥Castells Family (family of Elaine Treske), ♥Margo and Vincent Morrison, ♥Cyril (friend of Pat Eshun), ♥Samuel A. Dorsey (father of David A. Dorsey), ♥David Biegler, ♥Iris Molina, ♥Olga Molina (sister of Iris Molina), ♥Everol Palmer (son of Enid Simpson), ♥Evelyn Neber (friend of Elaine Treske), ♥Bill Hammen (brother of Edie Zipperlen), ♥Rondolph Ives (brother of Margo Morrison), ♥Health care workers fighting the Viruses, those who are suffering, and grieving families. **Note.** Prayer List names will continue to be listed for three weeks. After that period of time, the names will be removed unless you call us with current information. † - Death in family, ♦ - New entry