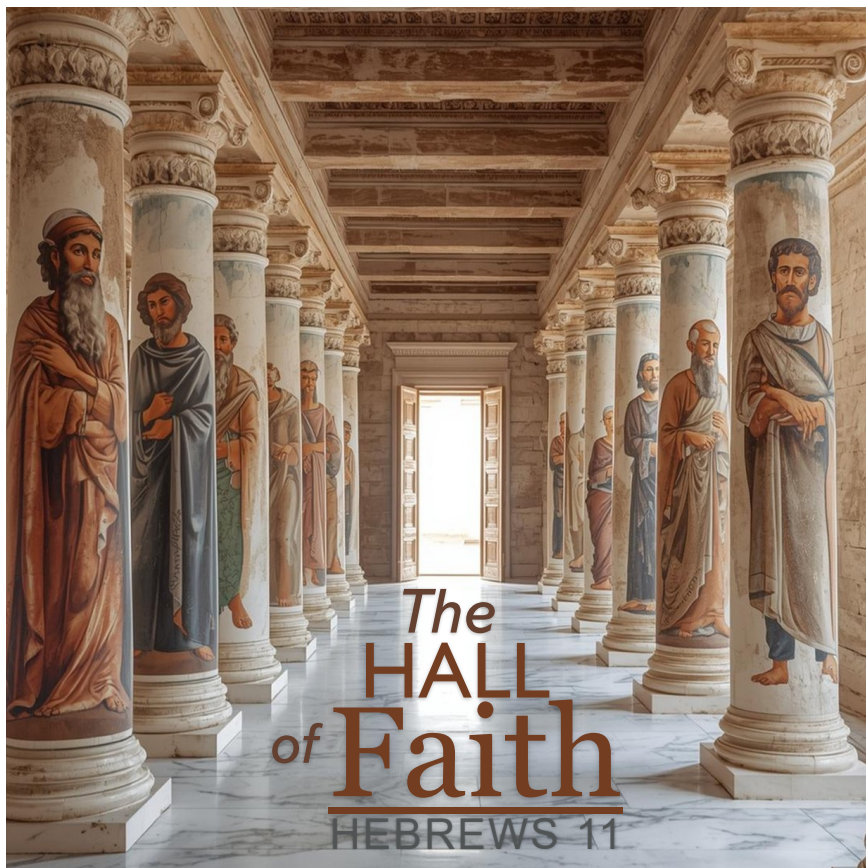




Ascension PCA

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A community of worshipping, maturing,
and multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ,
to the glory of God the Father,
by the power of His Spirit,
and in the hope of God's Kingdom.

WELCOME TO ASCENSION!

Thank you for joining us for worship today.

**We are delighted that you are here,
especially if this is your first time with us.**

Connect with One Another:

We would love to know that you were here this morning and encourage you to fill in a *Connect Card* so that we can follow up with you, answer your questions, or pray for you.

Our practice of wearing *Name Tags* is to make you feel more comfortable among us, help you to identify staff and leadership, and make it easier for you to connect with us. See our back page for contact information.

We heartily invite you to join us for *refreshments* and conversation after the service.

To Parents of Young Children:

If you would like to utilize it, we have a staffed *Nursery* for children through age 3 across the hall.

We encourage younger children to remain with us during the service. They are not a distraction!

Feel free to sit up front where your child can more easily see and hear what is happening.

Clipboards for kids are available to encourage our children to participate in our worship together. Stop by the special Kids Table to pick up clipboards and crayons for your child.

Free Biblical Resources:

If you don't have a copy of God's Word, please help yourself to one of the free Bibles as our gift for you to take home.

You are also welcome to browse the literature and resources available to you on the Welcome Table, carts, and stands.

Joyfully worshipping together
as the family of God,
with reverence and awe,
mindful of our heritage
as well as our present context.



A WORD ABOUT OUR LITURGY

The elements and sequence that make up
our worship service (the liturgy) is the way
we tell ourselves, one another, and all in this place,
the grand story of the Triune God:

the story of God pursuing a people
despite their wanderings and forgetfulness,
and shaping them into His people for His glory.

QUIETING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

*In Thee, O LORD, I put my trust,
I call upon Thy Name;
O save me in Thy righteousness,
nor let me suffer shame.*

*Bow down Thine ear to my request,
and swift deliverance send;
be Thou to me a rock of strength,
a fortress to defend.*

*Oh, LORD, in Thee is all my trust;
"Thou art my God," I cried.
"My life, my times are in Thy hand,
I in Thy strength confide."*

*"In Thee, O Lord, I Put My Trust"
~ J.C. Lowry*

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

We gather at the invitation of God through His Word.
He speaks first, revealing Himself to us,
and we respond with one voice in joy and thanksgiving!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hebrews 1:1-3

M: Long ago, at many times and in many ways,
God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

P: but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son,

M: whom He appointed the heir of all things,
through whom He also created the world.

**P: He is the radiance of the glory of God
and the exact imprint of His nature,
and He upholds the universe by the word of His power.**

M: After making purification for sins,
He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...

P: Praise God for the gift of the Son!

SONGS OF PRAISE

Christus Victor

**O Most High, King of the ages,
Great I AM, God of wonders,
by the blood, You have redeemed us,
led us through mighty waters,
our strength, our song, our sure salvation.**

*Now to the Lamb upon the throne,
be blessing honor, glory, power,
for the battle You have won.
Hallelujah! Amen.*

**O Most High, dwelling among us,
Son of man, sent for sinners,
by Your blood, You have redeemed us,
Spotless Lamb, mighty Savior
who lived, who died, who rose victorious.**

***Now to the Lamb upon the throne,
be blessing honor, glory, power,
for the battle You have won.
Hallelujah!***

***With every tribe and every tongue,
we join the anthem of the angels
in the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah! Amen.***

**O Most High, King of the nations,
robed in praise, crowned with splendor,
on that day, who will not tremble
when You stand Christ the Victor
who was and is and is forever.**

***Now to the Lamb upon the throne,
be blessing honor, glory, power,
for the battle You have won.
Hallelujah!***

***With every tribe and every tongue,
we join the anthem of the angels
in the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah! Amen.***

***Amen, amen, amen.
Amen, amen, amen.
Amen, amen, amen.***

***Now to the Lamb upon the throne,
be blessing honor, glory, power,
for the battle You have won.
Hallelujah!***

***With every tribe and every tongue,
we join the anthem of the angels
in the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah!
Sing the victory of the Lamb.
Hallelujah! Amen.
Amen.***

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Matt Boswell, Matt Papa.

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Rejoice, the Lord is King

**Rejoice, the Lord is King:
your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore.**

***Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!***

**Jesus the Savior reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when He had purged our stains,
He took his seat above.**

***Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!***

**His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n.**

***Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!***

**Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
and take His servants up
to their eternal home.**

***Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!***

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GOD CLEANSSES US

We gather each week as sinners in constant need of His mercy. The corporate confession of sin acknowledges this and invites honest expression before God. However, God isn't silent as we cry out to Him — He assures us that His grace is bigger than our sin. God's forgiveness is for all those who humble themselves before Him in Christ Jesus.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 105:26-45

Elder Chris Sledge

- 26 He sent Moses, His servant,
and Aaron, whom He had chosen.
- 27 They performed His signs among them
and miracles in the land of Ham.
- 28 He sent darkness, and made the land dark;
they did not rebel against His words.
- 29 He turned their waters into blood
and caused their fish to die.
- 30 Their land swarmed with frogs,
even in the chambers of their kings.
- 31 He spoke, and there came swarms of flies,
and gnats throughout their country.
- 32 He gave them hail for rain,
and fiery lightning bolts through their land.
- 33 He struck down their vines and fig trees,
and shattered the trees of their country.
- 34 He spoke, and the locusts came,
young locusts without number,
- 35 which devoured all the vegetation in their land
and ate up the fruit of their ground.
- 36 He struck down all the firstborn in their land,
the firstfruits of all their strength.
- 37 Then He brought out Israel with silver and gold,
and there was none among His tribes who stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad when they departed,
for dread of them had fallen upon it.
- 39 He spread a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light by night.
- 40 They asked, and He brought quail,
and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.
- 41 He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed through the desert like a river.
- 42 For He remembered His holy promise,
and Abraham, His servant.
- 43 So He brought His people out with joy,
His chosen ones with singing.
- 44 And He gave them the lands of the nations,
and they took possession of the fruit of the peoples' toil,
- 45 that they might keep His statutes
and observe His laws.
- Praise the LORD!

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**P: Father, Son, and Spirit — our Triune God —
You are the only true and living God.
We know that You alone are good,
yet we still turn to false gods
for strength, for comfort, for life.
But this is death.
We confess that we have sinned,
both in the evil we have done,
and in the good we have not done.
We do not know all the ways
our hearts are far from You;
for we have deceived ourselves.
We cannot even confess every sin,
or know all our false gods,
to turn away from them to You.
We are utterly at Your mercy.
Lord Jesus, be gracious to us.
Father, assure us of Your love
that makes all things new.
Holy Spirit, dwell in us
and have Your way with us.
We pray in Christ our Savior. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

*In these moments, we confess our personal sins to God
so that we may take hold of the forgiveness
won for us by Christ, our Redeemer.*

THE PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

from Joel 2:32

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.
May the forgiveness and peace of Christ be yours!

SONG OF ASSURANCE

I Will Glory in My Redeemer

**I will glory in my Redeemer,
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails,
and hung Him on that judgment tree.**

***I will glory in my Redeemer,
Who crushed the power of sin and death.
My only Savior before the Holy Judge:
The Lamb who is my righteousness,
The Lamb who is my righteousness.***

**I will glory in my Redeemer.
My life He bought, my love He owns.
I have no longings for another,
I'm satisfied in Him alone.**

***I will glory in my Redeemer,
His faithfulness, my standing place.
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,
My feet are firm, held by His grace,
My feet are firm, held by His grace.***

**I will glory in my Redeemer,
Who carries me on eagles' wings.
He crowns my life with loving kindness,
His triumph song I'll ever sing.**

***I will glory in my Redeemer,
Who waits for me at gates of gold.
And when He calls me it will be paradise,
His face forever to behold,
His face forever to behold.***

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GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Holy Spirit makes the reading and preaching of God's Word a crucial means of growing and comforting God's people and awakening people to new faith in Jesus.

PASTORAL PRAYER

concluding with The Lord's Prayer

**P: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever.
Amen.**

READING OF THE WORD

Genesis 5:21-24, 6:9-14a & Hebrews 11:5-7

²¹ When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered Methuselah.

²² Enoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. ²³ Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years. ²⁴ Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

⁹ These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. ¹⁰ And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

¹³ And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. ¹⁴ Make yourself an ark of gopher wood..."

⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.

⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.

⁷ By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, Amen.**

PREACHING OF THE WORD

"Trust and Obey"

Pastor Nate Hitchcock

SERMON NOTES: _____

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PRAYER

GIVING TO THE LORD

1 Peter 4:10

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace...

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.**

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

***Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

***Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

***Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

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GOD COMMUNES WITH US

The Lord's Supper is a meal for the family of God, given by Jesus the night before His death to be celebrated until His return. It points back to the cross, forward to the return of King, and spiritually nourishes us for today as we eat and drink in faith.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

CONFESSING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

The Apostles' Creed

**P: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell.**

The third day He rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven
and sits on the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;**

**from there He shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Please come forward to receive the elements from the elders
at the table, then return to your seats.*

Gluten-free bread and grape juice are available from the trays.

Please HOLD elements until we can all partake TOGETHER.

SONG OF MEDITATION

I Delight (Isaiah 61:10)

**I delight, greatly in the LORD,
my soul rejoices in my God.**

**I delight, greatly in the LORD,
my soul rejoices in my God.**

**For He has clothed me
with garments of salvation;
He has arrayed me
in robes of righteousness.**

**For He has clothed me
with garments of salvation;
He has arrayed me
in robes of righteousness.**

**As a bridegroom adorns
his head like a priest,
As a bride adorns her head with jewels...**

**For He has clothed me
with garments of salvation;
He has arrayed me
in robes of righteousness.**

**For He has clothed me
with garments of salvation;
He has arrayed me
in robes of righteousness.**

**So I delight, greatly in the LORD,
my soul rejoices in my God.**

**So I delight, greatly in the LORD,
my soul rejoices in my God.**

GOD SENDS US

**We end by receiving God's promises to us as His people.
He will be with us as we serve Him in this world,
to the end of all time.**

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