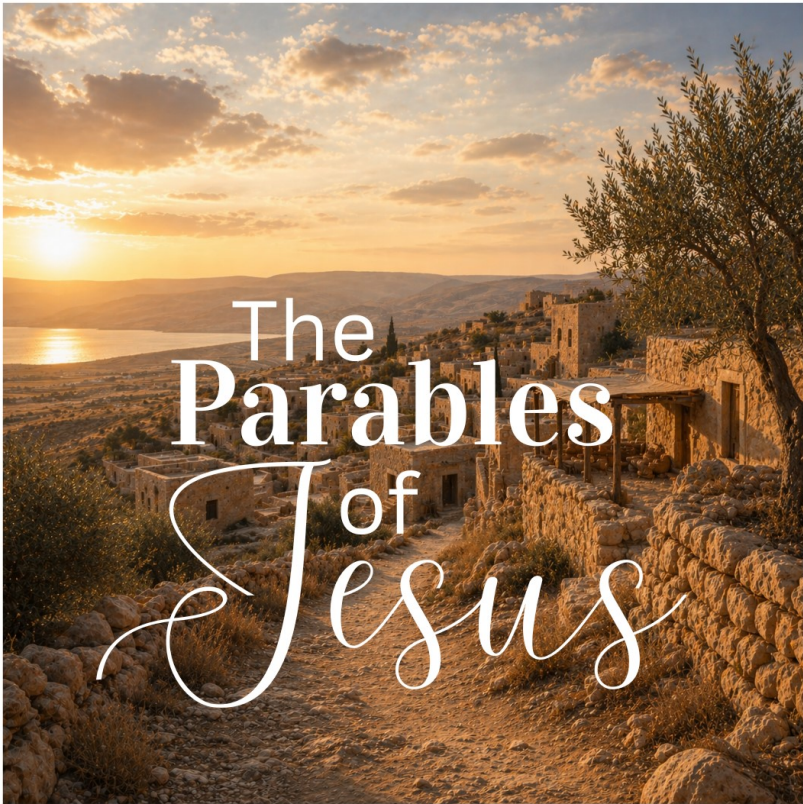




Ascension PCA

May 31, 2026



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.

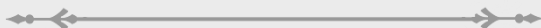
Clipboards for kids are available to encourage our children to participate in our worship together. Stop by the special Kids Table to pick up clipboards and crayons for your child.

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

*I am the woman at the well, I am the harlot.
I am the scattered seed that fell along the path.
I am the son who ran away, I am the bitter son who stayed.
I am the angry men who came to stone the lover.
I am the woman there ashamed before the crowd.
I am the leper who gave thanks, I am the nine who never came.*

*My God, my God, why hast Thou accepted me?
You took my sin and wrapped me in Your robe and Your ring.
My God, my God, why hast Thou accepted me?
When all my love was vinegar to a thirsty king.
My God, my God, why hast Thou accepted me?
It's a mystery of mercy and the song I sing!*

~ Andrew Peterson

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

Psalm 99:1-3 1 Timothy 1:17

- M: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The LORD is great in Zion;
He is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise Your great and awesome name!
Holy is He!
- P: To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God,
be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

**Early in the morning
our song shall rise to Thee.**

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea.**

**Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see.**

**Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

**All Thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth and sky and sea.**

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

**God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
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There is a Higher Throne

**There is a higher throne
than all this world has known;
where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue
will one day come.**

**Before the Son we'll stand,
made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace.
Salvation comes.**

*Hear heaven's voices sing.
Their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies,
their praises rise.*

*All glory, wisdom, pow'r,
strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King who reigns on high,
forever more.*

**And there we'll find our home,
our life before the throne;
we'll honor Him in perfect song
where we belong.**

**He'll wipe each tear-stained eye
as thirst and hunger die;
the Lamb becomes our Shepherd King;
We'll reign with Him.**

*Hear heaven's voices sing.
Their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies,
their praises rise.*

*All glory, wisdom, pow'r,
strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King who reigns on high,
forever ...*

*... Hear heaven's voices sing.
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through em'rald courts and sapphire skies,
their praises rise.*

*All glory, wisdom, pow'r!
Strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King who reigns on high,
forever more.*

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 116

Elder Brian Walsh

- 1 I love the LORD, because He has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
- 2 Because He inclined His ear to me,
therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.
- 3 The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
- 4 Then I called on the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"
- 5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
our God is merciful.
- 6 The LORD preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, He saved me.
- 7 Return, O my soul, to your rest;
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
- 8 For You have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling;
- 9 I will walk before the LORD
in the land of the living.
- 10 I believed, even when I spoke:
"I am greatly afflicted";
- 11 I said in my alarm,
"All mankind are liars."
- 12 What shall I render to the LORD
for all His benefits to me?
- 13 I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,
- 14 I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all His people.
- 15 Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of His saints.
- 16 O LORD, I am Your servant;
I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant.
You have loosed my bonds.
- 17 I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.

- 18 I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all His people,
19 in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in Your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the LORD!

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Holy Father,

You see us as we are and know our inmost thoughts.

We confess that we are unworthy of Your gracious care.

**We forget that all life comes from You
and that to You all life returns.**

**We have not sought to do Your will
with our whole hearts.**

**We have not lived as grateful children,
nor loved as Christ loved us.**

Apart from You, we are nothing.

Only Your grace can sustain us.

**Lord, in Your mercy, forgive us,
heal us, and make us whole.**

**Set us free from our sin,
and restore us to the joy of Your salvation
now and forever. Amen.**

SONG OF CONFESSION

Depth of Mercy

**Depth of mercy! Can there be,
mercy reaching even me?**

**God, the Just, His wrath forbears,
me the chief of sinners, spares.**

**So many times my heart has strayed
from His kind and perfect ways;
Making clear my desp'rate need
for His blood — poured out for me.**

**Give me grace, Lord, let me own
all the wrongs that I have done.**

**Let me now my sins deplore,
look to You and sin no more.**

**There, for me, the Savior stands
holding forth His wounded hands,**

**Scars which ever cry for me;
Once condemned ... but now set free.**

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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

1 Peter 2:24

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree,
so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness;
by His wounds you have been healed.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

His Mercy is More

***Praise the Lord, His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more!***

**What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

**What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

***Praise the Lord, His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more!***

**What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

***Praise the Lord, His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more!***

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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

READING OF THE WORD

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?"

²⁷ And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

²⁸ And He said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.

³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'

³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?"

³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

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.**

PRAYER

GIVING TO THE LORD

Romans 11:33–36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable
His ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been His counselor?”

“Or who has given a gift to Him
that He might be repaid?”

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.
To Him be glory forever. Amen.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Thy Mercy, My God

**Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
the joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
hath won my affection, and bound my soul fast.**

**Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
sin would reduce me to utter despair;
but through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
and He that first made me still keeps me alive.**

**Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
and weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.**

**Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
and the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
all praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.**

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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.

EUCHARISTIC 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

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!

**Jesus, what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus, lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.**

***Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.***

**Jesus! What a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him.
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my victory wins.**

***Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.***

**Jesus, I do now receive Him,
more than all in Him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine.**

***Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.***

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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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