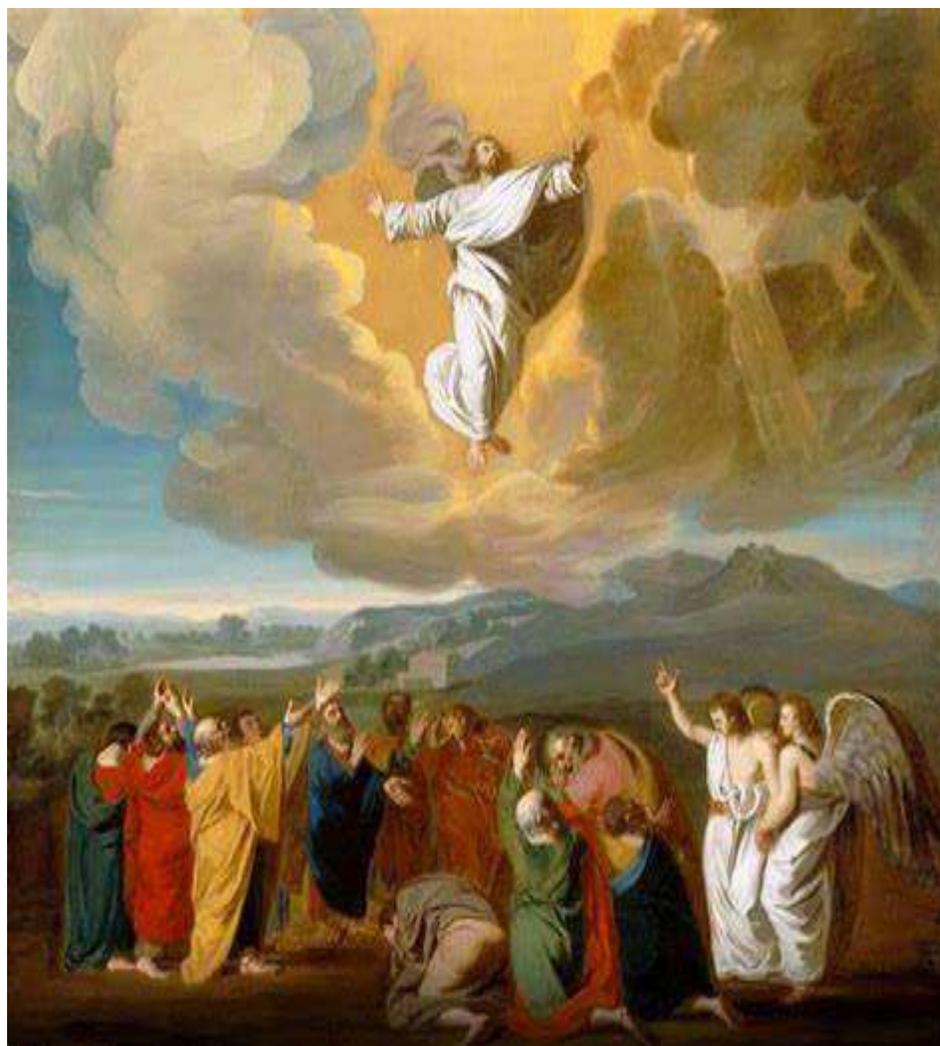


Grace Community Presbyterian Church
May 29, 2022



Thought for Meditation:

The ascension ... is the upward movement of Jesus by which the now alive human Lord returns to eternity to continue his ministry. *Andrew Purves*

When you pray, you are not starting the conversation from scratch, just remembering to plug back into a conversation that's always in progress. *Anne Lamott*

When you pray, you are not starting the conversation from scratch, just remembering to plug back into a conversation that's always in progress. *Anne Lamott*

Prelude Come Away to the Skies Callahan

Welcome and Announcements Doug Marshall

Call To Worship Psalm 110:1,2,4,5 Terri Ludwig

L: The LORD says to my Lord:

P: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

L: The LORD will extend your mighty scepter from Zion:

P: You will rule in the midst of your enemies.

L: The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, saying to Jesus:

P: "You are a priest forever."

L: Let us rejoice and worship Jesus, the King of heaven and earth.

*** Hymn of Praise** Rejoice, the Lord Is King #370

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, day by day we have failed to believe in your presence and your promised forgiveness. We have not trusted in your power to give the blessings we cannot see. We have not honored our sisters and brothers as heirs of your desired peace. We have not forgiven others or ourselves. Give us the wisdom and faith to be your body on earth, that we may rejoice in the presence of your saving bounty, to the glory of your ascended Son, Jesus Christ... *Silent Prayer of Confession*

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: God's love is greater than our sin.

P: God's mercy is greater than our failures.

L: God's peace transforms our lives.

P: God's promise brings us hope.

L: Friends, believe the good news:

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

ALL: Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

* Passing of the Peace

L: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Please pass the peace of Christ to your neighbors in the pews and introduce yourself to those you do not know.

*** Glory Be To The Father**

#813

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.

First Scripture Lesson: Hebrews 7:18-25 (Page 1047)

Special Music Not to Us, O Lord (Smith) Chancel Choir

Second Scripture Lesson: Romans 8:26-34 (Page 983)

Sermon Ascension: What is Jesus Doing In Heaven?

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; **He ascended to heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;** from thence 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.

*** Hymn of Response** Instruments of Your Peace

#637

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Look ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious

DeCou

*** Doxology**

#166

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*** Prayer of Dedication**

*** Hymn of Dedication** Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

#107

*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Congregational Response** Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

#107

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way;
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

*** Postlude**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Innes

The Prayer of Confession is adapted and reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*. Copyright 2012

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church this morning. The greeter(s) today is Beulah Brown.

Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in Cana Hall after worship today. Your hosts(s) will be Lee & Linda Johnson.

DON'T FORGET COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST(S) AND GREETER(S) ARE NEEDED FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE: The sign-up sheets to volunteer for coffee fellowship host and/or a greeter are located by the bulletin board by the office. Thanks in advance.

Next Sunday, June 5 is Pentecost **WEAR RED!!!**

TODAY'S MUSIC: Reverend Thomas Kelly wrote over 700 hymns. One of his best is ***Look, Ye Saints! The Sight Is Glorious..*** It is based on Hebrews 2:9: 'We see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor, that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man.'

Thomas Kelly (1769-1854) was the son of an Irish high court judge. He earned a degree from the University of Dublin, then went to London to study law. His studies included Hebrew. This led him to read his Bible, which led to his conversion. His change of heart changed his life and his plans for the future. He left his law studies the same year and was ordained in the Established Church in 1792.

Soon after Thomas Kelly was ordained, the Reverend Roland Hill was holding evangelistic services in Ireland. Kelly heard Hill and the men found that they were kindred spirits. Their earnest evangelical preaching in Dublin led Archbishop Fowler to prohibit them from preaching in the diocese. For some time Thomas Kelly had been in doubts about his associations with the Established Church. This incident clinched his decision to leave the Established Church. and join the Evangelicals.

Singers & Songs of the Church, published in 1869, states that "Mr. Kelly was a man of great and varied learning...Naturally of an amiable disposition and thorough in his Christian piety...He was admired alike for his zeal and his humility; and his liberality found ample scope in Ireland, especially during the year of famine."

*Look, ye saints! the sight is glorious: See the Man of Sorrows now;
From the fight returned victorious, Every knee to Him shall bow:*

*Hark, those bursts of acclamation! Hark, those loud triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station; Oh, what joy the sight affords!*

"Those who go down to the sea in ships, who do business on great waters, they see the works of the LORD, and His wonders in the deep" (Ps. 107:23-24). William Whiting wrote **Eternal Father, Strong to Save** in 1860 for a student about to sail for America. When he wrote the hymn, sea voyages were common, and air travel was nonexistent.

This stirring song, with its majestic tune, is an ardent prayer for those who travel by sea, and a very Trinitarian hymn. Stanza 1 addresses God the Father, the One who set the bounds and borders for the oceans. Stanza 2 addresses God the Son, the One who, by supernatural power, walked upon the Sea of Galilee and who commanded the wind and waves to cease their raging. Stanza 3 addresses God the Holy Spirit, recalling His brooding over the waters at the dawn of creation. The concluding stanza appeals to the "Trinity of love and power."

Eternal Father, Strong to Save as been adopted as The Sailor's Hymn, or The Navy Hymn, by both the British and American navies. The tune is named *Melita*, after the site of a shipwreck involving the apostle Paul (Acts 27-28).

**This Week's Calendar
May 29 - June 4**

May 29	Adult Sunday School	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
May 30	Memorial Day	
May 31	Bible Study	1:00pm
June 2	Ladies Club	6:30pm

**Looking Ahead
May 5 - June 11**

June 5	Worship	10:00am
	Communion	
	Pentecost	
June 6	Bible Study	1:00pm
June 9	CE Committee Meeting	3:00pm

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
2751 Grant Street, Lower Burrell, PA 15068
(724) 339-9661
Website: www.gracecommunitypresbyterian.org

Worship Service is at 10:00am

Church Staff:

Pastor: Doug Marshall, Interim Pastor
doug@gracecommunitypresbyterian.org
Secretary: Wendy Stein Clark
secretary@gracecommunitypresbyterian.org
Christian Ed.: Bill Ludwig (interim)
Organist: Kenneth McGeary
Treasurer: Ray Zerjav
Custodian: John Baron and Paul Zunich

Elders

Cathy Brady*
Dave Briscoe*
Arch Carroll
Cathy Christoforetti
Michael Cochenour*
Martha Gumbert
David Highfield
Dan Howard
John Irvin*
Henry Kedzierski
Val Lester*
Lew McNay
Glenn Nordmark*
Stephanie Tutka*
Cathy Vitari**

*Denotes Chairman
**Clerk of Session

Deacons

Darlene Artman
Rich Artman
Gary Barbiaux
Judy Barbiaux
Kitty Berkey
Margie Bistline
Beulah Brown
Jackie Chickerella*
Cindy Irvin
Linda Johnson
Terri Ludwig
Connie Markle
Judy Sulitz
Mary Ann Walter
Lou Walter

*Denotes Moderator