

Service for the Lord's Day

May 28, 2017 11:00 a.m.

7th Sunday of Easter



The Ascension

by Giotto (1305)

New to Hunter? Here's some information to help you feel at home. Where you see asterisks in the bulletin, you're invited to stand. When we pass the peace, you're invited to greet those around you with a joyful sign of Christ's peace. All children are welcome to come forward for the sharing with young disciples, after which pre-schoolers through second-graders may attend Worship & Wonder class or remain with their families. When we share our joys & concerns, feel free to join in. Thank you for visiting Hunter. We're glad you're here! Before you leave, please sign our guestbook in the narthex.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Call to Worship

Sing to God, sing praises to God's name.

God protects the vulnerable and shelters the weak.

God gives a home to the homeless and leads the prisoners to prosperity.

Sing to God, sing praises to God's name.

*Hymn 268

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we do not always bring glory to your name. Fear and weakness overwhelm us at times, causing us to turn from your way. By the grace and mercy of Christ, forgive, restore and strengthen us, O God, that we may have courage to love and serve you.

(moment for silent reflection)

Assurance of Grace

If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with God, Jesus Christ the righteous.

He is the atoning sacrifice for our sin, and not for ours only but also for the sin of the whole world.

Sisters and brothers, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Hymn 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Gathering Song

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"
(hymn 251, verse 1)

MFURAHINI, HALELUYA

Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.

For our redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling its gloom.

**Refrain: Let us sing praise to him with endless joy. Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!**

Sharing with Young Disciples

HEARING THE WORD

Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 1:6-14

(N.T., p. 118)

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Reading from the Psalms

Psalms 47

Refrain

Clap your hands, O faith-ful peo-ple!

Shout to God a song of praise!

Sunday Announcements

A warm welcome to all visitors. We are glad you chose to worship with us today.

Prayer Requests:

Prayers for: Georgetta Poyntz, Fletcher Gabbard.

There is no nursery today.

Pentecost Sunday is June 4. On Pentecost a special offering is taken in Presbyterian Churches and dedicated to youth. The insert in the bulletin today provides more information about the ways this offering serves the growth and development of young Presbyterians. Forty percent of the offering is used in Lexington and this year will go to the scholarship fund at the Living Arts and Science Center to support the participation of children from low income families. The envelopes for the Pentecost Offering are already in the pew racks and can be put in the collection today or next Sunday.

There will be an all ages (mainly Middle School on up) bible study class this summer starting on June 4th at 10 a.m. each Sunday for 12 weeks. Elementary aged children came last year with their parent and this also worked out fine. We will start with Genesis 20 to refresh where we left off last year then continue reading the book of Genesis this summer. This is an informal small get together hopefully held on the courtyard wooden patio near the offices (weather permitting) or in the undercroft if it rains. We discuss how each passage gives meaning to us in the different bible versions that are available. Feel free to bring your own bible. Lynn will make known each week which Bible verse we will be starting with for the next Sunday so that parents can make informed choices. Please contact Ann Freytag if you have any questions.

Unity Garden "GoFundMe or GoFindMe" Fundraiser: Please keep checking the display in the Fellowship hall for the updates on how we are doing. Thanks for any help you can give!

Our Summer Worship Schedule has begun and will go through Sunday, September 3. During this time we will have just one service each Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

There will be a Called Congregational meeting on Sunday June 25, 2017 following the 11am worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Rev. Jason Santalucia and Hunter Presbyterian Church.

You are invited to attend a potluck on June 25, 2017 to celebrate Jason's 8 years of ministry at Hunter Presbyterian, and to wish him and his family a safe journey as he moves onto the next phase of his pastoral journey. The potluck will follow the called congregational meeting that takes place immediately following the 11am worship service.

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