

# Order of Worship for Ascension Sunday

May 21, 2023

The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson, Designated Term Pastor

## Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Anderson

### Litany for Ascension

Arise, O Lord, in your strength.

### We praise you for your glory!

You have promised to draw all people to yourself; let none of us be separate from you.

### You are the king of glory!

You are true God, and you will be our judge, so lead us to contemplate your tender mercy.

### Praise be to God forever!

### Prayer of the Day

**God of majesty, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace. Bring all creation to worship at the feet of Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.**

Hymn "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (*see over*)

### Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that at times we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be faithful people who obey the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body on earth. Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

### Prayer for Illumination

**First Passage** Acts 1:1-14

**Gospel Passage** John 17:1-11

**Sermon** "Many Churches, One Lord" Dr. Anderson

### Gathering the Collection

**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.

### Prayer of Dedication

**Dear God, thank you for your great generosity. You provide for our needs and guide us by your word and Holy Spirit. You did not hold back even your Son so that we would have new life and live with you forever. Let us find joy by giving to the ministries of this church for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn 715 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

### Benediction

Hymn "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" by Henry F. Lyte

1. Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring, ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, watching for the coming King. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! "Come, Lord Jesus," let us sing.\*
2. Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress; praise God still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glorious now God's faithfulness.
3. Angels, help us to adore him, ye behold him face to face. Sun and moon bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise with us the God of grace.
4. Let us praise the King of Glory coming soon to reign in power, bringing Life to all creation: it could be this very hour! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Let us sing to Christ the King.\*

\*Words altered by Reverend Judith Ann Craig Piper (Pastor Rosanna's mother)

*"Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here."*



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