

Worship Service on Ascension Sunday  
June 1, 2025

The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson, Pastor  
Diane Dawson Dexter, Organist

**Prelude** “For Lo, the Winter Is Past” by Lani Smith

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 97)

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice!

**We are in awe of God’s magnificent works.**

The heavens proclaim God’s righteousness.

**The Lord is our guard and protector.**

Light dawns and joy fills our hearts.

**We rejoice in the Lord and give thanks.**

**Prayer of the Day**

God of majesty, you sent your Son Jesus to be the Messiah.

You led him through suffering on the cross

into risen life and took him up to glory in heaven.

Clothe us with your power promised from on high,

and send us forth to the ends of the earth as heralds  
of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ, firstborn

from the dead, who lives with you now and always in

the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

**Hymn 168** “At the Name of Jesus”

**Prayer of Confession\***

Merciful God, you are the source of light and life. You want the world to see your light shine through us. We confess that sometimes we turn from your way. We hurt people you have placed in our life through our action or inaction. Forgive us. By your Spirit, transform us into faithful disciples who seek your light, reflect your mercy, and share your grace through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Gospel Passage** Luke 24:44-53

**New Testament** Acts 1:1-11

**Sermon** “What’s Next?” Dr. Rosanna Anderson

**Offertory** “He Is Lord” by Tom Fettke

**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**

**O Lord, you revealed your victory over death through Jesus’ resurrection. With joyful songs we rejoice in your marvelous deeds. Fill us with your Spirit, so that our voices and actions will reflect your saving power. Use our gifts to help more people know your steadfast love in Christ, until the day when he returns and this world is made new in your eternal kingdom. Amen.**

**Invitation to the Lord’s Supper**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

(Prayer continues.) ... Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

... Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**Prayers of the Church and the Lord’s Prayer** (*trespasses*)

## Sharing of the Elements and Prayer After Communion

**Hymn 162** “Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord”

## Benediction

**Postlude** “Go in Peace” by Sarah Hart and Dwight Liles

\*Prayer based on one by Rae Watson for *Presbyterian Outlook* and provided for free distribution at [pres-outlook.org](http://pres-outlook.org).

### Church Calendar

Sunday, June 1      **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.  
Everyone is welcome to worship God in person or via live stream.

Monday, June 2      **Church Office Closed / Pastor's Day Off**

Tuesday, June 3      **Alcoholics Anonymous/AI-Anon** 6:15 p.m.  
To connect with the facilitator, email [info@finyaa.org](mailto:info@finyaa.org).

Wednesday, June 4      **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  
We will begin a new book, *Appreciate These Things* by Jill Duffield.

Thursday, June 5      **Tots Time** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
Friendship is the theme of this gathering for toddlers and caregivers.

Saturday, June 7      **Alcoholics Anonymous/AI-Anon** 5:00 p.m.  
To connect with the facilitator, email [info@finyaa.org](mailto:info@finyaa.org).

Sunday, June 8      **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.  
All are welcome to join us in person or via live stream.

*“You are welcome here,  
no matter where you are  
on your faith journey.”*



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