

Communion Service for June 2, 2019

A SILENT TIME OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name” -arr. J. Prentiss

THE PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” (*See insert*)

• CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

One: Today is Ascension Sunday when we celebrate Christ’s return to God.

All: We look up in wonder as he is lifted from us into heaven!

One: But this is not a time to gaze upward. There is work to be done.

All: Jesus has entrusted the ministry of God’s love to us.

One: Let’s get to work!

All: Let’s make our hearts ready for the task ahead with prayer and praise! Amen!

• GATHERING HYMN #90 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing.”

• CALL TO CONFESSION

• PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*In unison*)

Great God, you give us every good and perfect gift. You made us in love that we would be able to love our enemies, welcome the stranger and care for the world around us. So, I pray that whenever my compassion dries up, or my heart becomes weary, Lord have mercy. Whenever my mind fosters resentment, and my thoughts become cloudy, Christ have mercy. Whenever my soul sinks into apathy, and my prayer becomes spiritual duty, Lord have mercy.

• SILENT CONFESSION

• ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

• THE GLORIA PATRI #35(*Sung by all*)

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.

- GREETING OUR FRIENDS IN CHRIST
- CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “He Is Exalted” (*See insert*)

CHILDREN’S TIME

INTERLUDE “Walk With Me” (*Sung by all*)
(*Children return to their seats.*)

**Walk with me; I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

(*Ushers will collect prayer cards at this time.*)

SCRIPTURE

First Reading:	Psalm 47	(<i>page 518</i>)
	Acts 1:1-11	(<i>page 118</i>)
Second Reading:	Luke 24:44-53	(<i>page 91</i>)
	Ephesians 1:15-23	(<i>page 192</i>)

SERMON

SUMMER CHOIR ANTHEM “Praise Him! Praise Him!” -C. Allen/F. Crosby

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER (*In unison*)

**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 debts
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY “Open Our Eyes” -arr. P. Bettcher

• OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology” (*Sung by all*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

• DEDICATION OF GIFTS (*In unison*)

Mighty God, you are lord of all we have and all we are, what we offer here has been blessed by your divine goodness. With these offerings now bless others that they may come to know you as Lord of all. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

(Today we receive communion by intinction. As you come forward please take a piece of bread and dip it in the white grape juice or red wine. We also provide the option of an individual cup of juice. If you prefer a gluten free wafer, please indicate to the server. If you would like communion at your seat watch for a server to come to you.)

Invitation to the Table/Communion Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving #28

**There is strength in the name of the Lord,
There is power in the name of the lord,
There is hope in the name of the Lord,
Blessed is he who comes, in the name of the Lord.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Supper #393 “One Bread, One Body”

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*In unison*)

Holy God, in this place and at this table, we have become one with you. Grant that we may go from this place filled with your love and share it with all your people. In Christ’s presence and name, we pray. Amen.

• SENDING HYMN #453 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

• COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

• MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” -arr. W. Held

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

*Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. If you would like to remain in the sanctuary to listen to this music written and played to glorify God, please do so quietly. Otherwise, you may join others in the narthex for refreshments and fellowship. Emanuel now offers online giving with the **GIVE+** program. For more details, please contact the church office or log on to our webpage www.emanuel-ucc.org and click on the **GIVE+** icon at the bottom of the page.*