

LISBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 21, 2023

Ascension Sunday

PRELUDE and TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

WORDS OF GREETING

A Time of Praise

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The heavens shout out the glories of the Lord.

PEOPLE: God's handiwork is written across the skies.

Leader: The music of creation sings throughout the earth.

**PEOPLE: Day by day, night by night, in word and in song,
let us declare the glories of the Lord !**

ALL: We gather to worship and glorify our God.

*OPENING HYMN *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* # 160

UNISON PRAYER Most High God, as Christ ascended into the heavens, may our hearts ascend to you in this time of worship. Open our eyes to the power of your love. Open our lives to the fullness of your grace. Help us wait patiently for the baptism of your Spirit, that we may be found worthy of your great gifts. In Jesus' holy name, we pray. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 68 # 792

Act of Confession and Pardon

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION Ever-present God, we find so much to worry about. The world seems a scary place, filled with violence and destruction. Things seem to be coming apart and we don't know what the future holds. Help us to place our trust in you, O God. Remind us of your continuing care for all creation. Teach us to see the needs of the world and to respond with care and compassion, that we may be faithful, gentle, loving people. In the name of the One who brings us peace, Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: The Creator God who made heaven and earth dwells among us to bring us love and the fullness of life.

PEOPLE: Let us praise the Lord our God, for the One who loves us is faithful and forgiving.

Hearing God's Word

EPISTLE READING Acts 1.1-11 (pg. 118)

*HYMN *I Love to Tell the Story* # 156

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 1.15-23 (pg. 192)

GOSPEL READING John 17.1-11 (pg. 111)

SERMON *That They May Be One*

*HYMN *They'll Know We are Christians By our Love* # 2223

Responding To God's Word

A TIME OF PRAYER

Joys and Concerns and Time of Silent Prayer
The Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer
Choral Prayer Response

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RECEIVING OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF BENEDICTION

*Leader: We go forth to pursue God's ways: righteousness,
holy living, faithfulness, love, and justice.*

**PEOPLE: We go forth to share the abundance of God's
gifts with others, grateful that God's goes with us.**

*SUNG BENEDICTION *On Eagle's Wings*

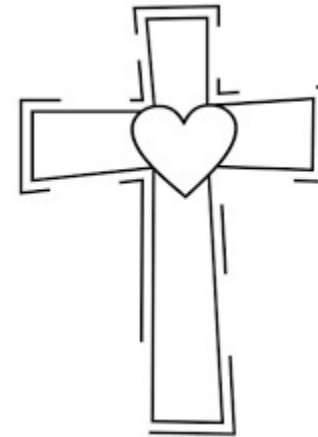
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POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Leaders

Liz Doyle, Lay Reader
Verne Smith, Video Production Manager
Sue White, Organist
Rev. Elizabeth J. Bachelder Smith, Pastor

Boldly Caring for our Community



Grounded in God's Love

Lisbon United Methodist Church
welcomes, nurtures, and serves
all people
with the love of Christ.