

**Ascension Sunday**

**June 1, 2014**

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**The Approach to God**

**PRELUDE**

*“Lento”*

Gluck  
Mandy Shafer, Flute

**CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

*“Bless the Lord”*

Chancel Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Psalm 103)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name.  
The Lord's throne is established in the heavens,  
God's Kingdom rules over all.  
Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #31**

*“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”*

**\*SALUTATION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(unison)

Almighty and eternal God, we acknowledge that much of the time we do not see the opportunities placed before us. Overcome by minor concerns, preoccupied with petty problems, we seldom see the challenge to live in the strength of your Spirit. Open our eyes to the light. Lead us to discover the hope made possible through the power of your grace. May the strength that raised Christ and seated him at your right side energize us to begin anew in the spirit of the ascended Lord. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**LAW OF GOD**

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

**RESPONSIVE READING #15 Psalm 67**

(Page 484 Hymnal)

## **CONGREGATIONAL SONGS OF PRAISE**

**Antiphonal Praise** – *“We Worship You, Almighty God, to You alone is our delight, We worship You, O holy God, And lift our voice to sing Your praise, Alleluia, Alleluia.”*

*“This is the day that the Lord has made. We rejoice and be glad in it.”*

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*“Lord, Most High”*

## **The Word of God**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Psalm 68:1-4, 7-10, 28-35**

(Page 411 Old Testament)

**Ephesians 4:7-13**

(Page 149 New Testament)

**MOMENT FOR CHILDREN**

**\*MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

**\*HYMN #485**

*“Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds”*

**SERMON**

**“As You Have Done”**

## **Our Response to God**

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

(Page 12 Hymnal)

**RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*“My God is So High”*

Rebecca Kalsbeek, Solo

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #213**

*“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

**\*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

*“Amen”*

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*The congregation may stand.

## TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeters: John & Sandi Tarrant

Ushers: Pete & Barbara Nickel, John & Sandi Tarrant

Nursery: Nancy Dey & Barbara Nickel

Fellowship: Sunday School Picnic

Next week's stewards (June 8):

Greeter: Carole Angrilla

Ushers: Matt & Ruth Den Dulk, Walt & Lucy Paradies

Nursery: Bill & Julie Anne Thompson

Fellowship: Jane & Jeff DeWitt

## MANY THANKS

Many thanks to our Sunday School children for participating in the worship service. We appreciate you every week, but want to make sure you know it today.

## EMPTY NESTERS

Plan to join the Empty Nesters for their monthly dinner outing this Tuesday, June 3rd, 6:30 p.m. at Bonefish Grill in Cary. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

## FOOD PANTRY

Needed items are as follows: crackers, canned chicken & tuna, stewed tomatoes, tomato sauce, canned peaches, cereal, jelly, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing and toothpaste.

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers who can provide snacks on Sunday mornings following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated!