

**Pray for:** all impacted by COVID19; family/friends of Sonya Carlson; Marylyn Trees; the Stanley family; the Bever family; Jana Reints' family; Trendi Moss; Nikola Jans (baby w/heart problems); Marj Nass; Garry Staley; Tom Rittscher; Passow family; Marcy Maass; a young stroke victim; Linda (cancer); Don Bottorff; Dr. Sahai; Hannah Brandt (teen cancer warrior); Bradley (chemo); Steve Butler; Jennifer Van Diest; Anita Gaul; Kyzer Stanley; Sherry Lambi; Steve Kehoe; Tim & Caroline Bailey family in Romania **Please keep us updated with your prayer requests—Thanks!**

Asbury United Methodist Church  
Rev. Jeff Flagg  
Sunday, May 24, 2020  
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## **Prelude**

## **Greeting**

**Hymn** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (1, 2, 4) #327

**Opening Prayer** Gracious Lord, this morning we come to you with so many things on our hearts. Keep our hearts and our minds open to your words of healing and of hope. Give us spirits of courage for all the times ahead. We ask your blessing on all those this day who are afflicted with illness and debilitating diseases, for those who mourn, for those who feel lost and alienated from family and from friends. Be with these dear people. Help them to feel your comforting and restoring presence. Give to us also, Lord, a spirit of peace and joy that we might live in your love through our attitudes and actions. In Jesus' Name we pray. AMEN.

**Hymn** "My Hope Is Built" (1, 2, 4) #368

## **Call to Worship**

Jesus promised to be with us always

**Lord, we are thankful for that promise.**

In all times, this promise gives us hope.

**Lord, we rejoice in the hope you give us.**

Come and celebrate the eternal promises of Christ.

**Lord, we are so grateful that you have given to us so much and that you promise God's presence with us always. AMEN.**

**Hymn** "He Touched Me" (all) #367

**Prayer of Confession** Patient God, it hasn't been easy for us to be disciples or witnesses to your love. We get caught in traps of anger, impatience and fear. Our words and spirits become cynical and jaded. Yet, at all times, you are with us, guiding and guarding us. On this day in which we celebrate the ascension of Jesus into heaven, we are reminded that we are not being left without guidance. The promise of the Spirit is given and in that promise we have hope and courage to become

true disciples. Forgive us when we forget that! Forgive us when we act as though you didn't care about us or about this world. We are called to be those who live the faith of hope and reconciliation, of courage and understanding. Lift us up when we have fallen, guide our hearts when we speak, for it is in the name of our risen Savior Jesus that we ask these things. AMEN.

**Words of Assurance** Celebrate, dear friends! God's Spirit will be coming to you to give you hope and courage. AMEN.

## **Luke 24:44-53**

## **Offering**

**Doxology #95** Praise God from whom all blessing flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **Time of sharing**

**Children's Time** Jennifer Sullivan, Christian Formation Director

## **Announcements**

## **Celebrations this week**

## **Concerns/ pastoral prayer/ Lord's Prayer**

**Sermon** "Witnessing for Jesus."

**Scripture** Acts 1:1-11

**Hymn** "I'll Fly Away" (all) #2282

**Benediction** Go forth in hope. Go forth with the knowledge of God's presence with you. Go to serve God by taking care of each other and God's world. Go now in peace!