

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / ASCENSION
Northside Presbyterian Church – May 16, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC – *“How Lovely, Lord”* - Simple Gifts

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT – *“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”* - Simple Gifts

CALL TO WORSHIP

*We have heard that we are not enough:
not good enough, not strong enough, not whole enough.*
If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater.

We have heard that we do not make enough, do not own enough, do not have enough.
Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts.

We gather to worship, for God’s Word is enough: hope enough, love enough, life enough.
God gave us eternal life, and this life is in God’s Son.
Let us worship God.

HYMN – *“Lift High the Cross”* (826, v. 1-4)

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

**1 Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)**

**2 All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. (Refrain)**

**3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally. (Refrain)**

**4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)**

PRAYER OF PRAISE

CONFESSION

O God, lover of humankind, you have asked us to proclaim your name to all people. We confess that we have held back from doing that, shy and self-conscious. Forgive us, we pray, and empower us in Jesus’ name. Amen.

(silence)

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT – Acts 1:1-11 – Charles Bostian

OFFERING OF MUSIC – “*Let the Life I’ve Lived*” – Simple Gifts

GOSPEL – Luke 24:44-53

SERMON – “*Stay in the City*”

HYMN – “*God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!*” (365, v. 1-4)

**1 God reigns! Let earth rejoice! Let oceans shout God’s might!
Borne up by truth and righteousness, God’s throne is our delight.**

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns! Let earth rejoice!

**2 God’s fire ignites the clouds with judgment swift and just;
the evil find their deeds in vain; God’s foes are brought to dust. (Refrain)**

**3 False idols rise to claim the weakness of our pride,
but cannot touch the faithful ones, for God stands at our side. (Refrain)**

**4 The radiance of God’s light beams joy into our days;
now filled with God’s own peace and love, our hearts resound with praise. (Refrain)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

Send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus; send me, Lord.

Lead me, Jesus; lead me, Jesus; lead me, Jesus; lead me, Lord.

Fill me, Jesus; fill me, Jesus; fill me, Jesus; fill me, Lord.

Thuma mina, thuma mina. Thuma mina, Somandla.

Please be in prayer for:

Revathi Balakrishnan

Susan Dickerson

Drew Taylor & family

Edd Stoops

Andy & Jean Robeson

Ron Pearson

Doug Rathjen

Susan Miller

Wanda Price

Cody Vincil

J. D. Olinger

Carlos Cox

Wava Bowles

Pat Modisett

Pat Kittle

All those suffering with
Covid or grieving the
loss of a loved one

Musicians: Marya Katz, Charles Bostian, Ann Marie Conner, Jack Webster, Pat Fullen
Video Technicians – Marshall Chaney, Bruce Harper