



Jarrettown United Methodist Church
May 17, 2026 – 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Ascension Sunday

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When Jesus had said this, as the disciples were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

Matthew 6:31

Gathering Music—Visions
Green Hills and Cool Meadows
Springs of Flowing Water

Douglas E. Wagner

Welcome

Opening Scripture—Acts 1:3-9

After Jesus' suffering, he presented himself to the disciples and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

✠**Song**—Open The Eyes Of My Heart

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

Verse

To see You high and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy holy holy

Bridge

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

I want to see You

✠**Call to Worship**

L: Clap your hands, all people.

ALL: Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

L: For God has ascended with shouts of triumph and trumpet fanfare!

ALL: Our God is exalted on high, Sovereign over all the nations, and Lord of our lives.

✠**Song**—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name 1, 4, and 6 (UMH #155)

The Adult Bell Choir—Bell Jubilee!

Anna Laura Page

Children's Message—Letting Go

Song as Children Depart for Sunday School

Jesus loves the little children,

all the children of the world.

Friend and neighbor, stranger too,

he loves them as he loves you.

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The Gospel Reading—Matthew 25:34-40

³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and

you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?’³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?’³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Sermon—Serving God with Heart, Hands and Voice

Connie Damon

Song—We Are the Body of Christ

Verse 1

We lift up our voices as one
We carry the banner of peace
We hold ourselves accountable
We are the body of Christ

Verse 2

We reach out to those in darkness
We see through the clouds of dismay
We cry for the lost and lonely
We are the body of Christ

Chorus

In community our hands are building
In community we share the weight
In community our eyes see less fortunate
Together we're the body of Christ

Verse 3

We love as there's no tomorrow
We care for the one's left behind
We pray for a heart that surrenders
We are the body of Christ

Announcements

Offering Hymn—Fairest Lord Jesus (UMH #189)

The offering plates will be passed as we sing.

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

✠**Passing the Peace**

Please extend signs of God's reconciliation and love with those around you, keeping in mind some may be uncomfortable with shaking hands or hugs.

✠ Song—I Will Follow

Intro

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow

Verse 1

All Your ways are good
All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight
High above my life
I will trust in You alone

Chorus

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow You
Who You love I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow (You)

Sending Forth

Interlude

Yeah I will follow You yeah

Verse 2

Light into the world
Light into my life
I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek
Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone
In You alone

Bridge

In You there's life everlasting
In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy
And I will follow

Ending

Yeah I will follow You yeah
I will follow You yeah
I will follow You yeah



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