

Worship Spotlight

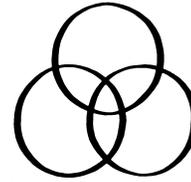
What is the Ascension?

In the order of Israel's worship the first sacrifice was the *purification offering* (which corresponds to our time of confession). The next sacrifice was the *whole burnt offering*, though a more literal translation would be *the ascension*. The unique thing about the ascension offering was that it was the only offering completely consumed by the fire. The sacrifice was transformed into smoke which then *ascended* to God. Since the animal takes the place of the worshipper, this portrayed the worshipper ascending to God and entering His holy presence.

We follow the same sequence in Christian worship, though now the ascension offering has been fulfilled in Christ. Having paid the penalty for our sins on the cross, Jesus rose from the grave and *ascended* into heaven. United to Him by faith, we ascend with Jesus! God has "raised *us* up with him and seated *us* with him in the heavenly places *in Christ Jesus*" (Eph. 2:6).

In the book of Revelation the Apostle John was granted a vision in which he ascended to Heaven and joined the worship service going on there. We don't see the Heavenly service with our *eyes* each Sunday. But we trust that, in Christ and through the power of his Spirit, we *do* get to join the angels and all the faithful in Heaven as we worship the Lamb. That's why, at this point in the service, we often sing songs that speak of Heaven and borrow the "holy, holy, holy" refrain of the angelic songs from the books of Isaiah (6:1-3) and Revelation (4:8-11).

What a privilege to join the Heavenly worship service and enter into the Father's presence! What a comfort to know that we sing with all Christians around the world and with those who have already died and are now with Jesus! The ascension is a time of great rejoicing and reverent awe. Now that we have entered the Father's presence, he will speak to us from his Word.



TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 9th, 2019

The Day of Pentecost

Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 143:1, 9-10

†Congregational Singing

"O Spirit of the Living God"

†Responsive Scriptures

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Christ has poured out his Spirit upon us.

O come, let us worship Him.

†Collect

O God, who in smoke and fire upon Mount Sinai gave the law to Moses, and who this day revealed the new covenant in the fire of the Spirit poured forth upon your apostles: Grant, we pray, that kindled by that same Spirit, we may receive with joy your commandment of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Greeting

†Congregational Singing

"Gracious Spirit, Dwell with me"

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

1 John 1:8-9

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the

devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Jesus Christ, our Lord. And grant, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing

“Speak O Lord”

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament

Genesis 11:1–9

Epistle Reading

Acts 2:1-8, 12-21

†Gospel Reading

John 14:23-31

†Profession of Faith

The Apostle’s Creed

Sermon

Pastor David Salyer

“Divided Tongues”

Offertory

†Doxology

625 (*a cappella*)

†Prayer of Dedication

GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord’s Supper. Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders in accord with the practice of our denomination.

If you do not trust in Jesus, please allow the bread and cup to pass you by. If you desire to follow Jesus and share in His Feast, please speak with one of our pastors after the service.

The outer ring contains wine. All other cups contain grape juice. Take your portion, pass the rest to your neighbor, and then eat and drink as soon as you desire.

During the passing of the cup we encourage you to offer words of blessing to your neighbors such as: “Peace be with you” (Jn. 14:27) or “Christ be with you” (Rom. 16:20).

Declaration of God’s Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

Congregational Singing

“The Risen Christ”

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response

#628 IV “Threefold Amen”

Postlude

Worship Leader: Tory Hooton

Nursery Volunteers: Rachel Goodbrake, Deborah Anderson

CHURCH LIFE

Today

Pentecost Bonfire (weather permitting)

5:00 p.m.

- ❖ Join us for the annual **Pentecost Bonfire** at the Holl’s place (315 West 81st St.) at 5:00 pm tonight (Sunday, June 9th). Hot dogs, buns, drinks and s’mores will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share and also your lawn chairs. Hope to see you there!
- ❖ **Summer Women’s Group.** Come as you are able for a time of prayer, encouragement and light study. Mondays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. [though not meeting June 10th] at Rene’s house - 5523 Parklane Drive. Contact Rene at (308) 708-3303.
- ❖ Consider serving on the **communion prep rotation.** It involves buying the bread and coming early to prepare the elements on your assigned Sunday. To sign-up and be trained in this ministry, speak to Josh Goodbrake.
- ❖ **A/V help needed:** We are always looking for help with audio/visual technology during the service. Turning things up, turning things down, muting, reading, and clicking—if you can run your smart phone, you can handle A/V team! :) If this interests you, please speak with Pastor Dave.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

June 9	Aleeya	Pokharel	2015
16	Aria	Goodbrake	2016
17	Floyd	Butterfield	
24	Margaret	Hajda	1998
25	Mimi	Frerichs	
26	Nora	Hooton	2010
26	Kelsi	Bradley	

FINANCIAL REPORT

			Last Week	Year to Date
	Budgeted Need	\$3,461.15		\$76,145.30
	Received	\$3,406.55		\$74,859.34

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ❖ That God would open doors for ministry to UNK students.
- ❖ For our men serving in the armed forces: Joseph Barber III, Ryan Brock, and Ben Elliott.

If you would like to receive TPC announcements and prayer requests via e-mail, please speak with Pastor Dave or email your contact info to: tpc@tpckearney.org