

* **Call to Worship:** *based on Psalm 118:24; Philippians 4:4*

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

This is the day when the Spirit came.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

And again I say—

Rejoice!

* **God's Greeting**

* **Rejoice, the Lord is King** #408:1,2,3 (PH)

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore.

Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven

The keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given,

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,

Bow down at his command, and fall beneath his feet.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

* **Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise** #409:1,3,4 (PH)

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!

To his throne beyond the skies. Alleluia!

Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!

Enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!

Highest heaven its Lord receives; Alleluia!

Yet he loved the earth he leaves. Alleluia!

Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!

Still he calls us all his own. Alleluia!

Still for us he intercedes; Alleluia!

His atoning death he pleads, Alleluia!

Near himself prepares our place, Alleluia!

He the first-fruits of our race. Alleluia!

* join us in standing if able

* **He is Lord**

He is Lord, he is Lord,

He is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess

That Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is Grace, He is Grace

He has sacrificed His life and He is Grace

Every knee shall bow every tongue confess

That Jesus Christ is Grace.

#633 (PH)

Call to Confession and Prayer

Guide for Grateful Living: *Philippians 4:8-9*

Installation and Ordination of New Elders and Deacons

Be Thou My Vision

(Children 3 years old – 2nd grade are invited to
Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art,

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,

Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word;

I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,

Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Benevolence Fund

Morning Prayer

* **Lord Speak to Me**

#625:3,4 (HFG)

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach

The precious things Thou dost impart;

And wing my words, that they may reach

The hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with Thy fullness Lord,

Until my very heart o'erflow

In kindling thought and glowing word,

Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

* **Scripture:** *Hebrews 4:14-16 (ESV)* pg. 1256

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 7:25 (ESV) pg. 1259

²⁵ He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 10:12-13 (ESV) pg. 1261

¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Preaching the Ascension to Ourselves*

Prayer

* **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

His the scepter, his the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph,

His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion

Thunder like a mighty flood.

Jesus, out of every nation,

Has redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! Heavenly High Priest,

Here on earth our help, our stay;

Alleluia! hear the sinful cry

To you from day to day.

Intercessor, Friend of sinners,

Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea,

Where the songs of all the sinless

Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
You the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth your foot-stool, heaven your throne:
You within the veil, have entered,
Robed in flesh our great High Priest:
By your Spirit, lift us heaven-ward,
In the Eucharistic feast!

* **God's Blessing**

* **Let Us Go**

Father, in your presence we have gathered.
May your Spirit reign in us, we ask.
Free us from the things that do not matter.
Let us focus on the glory of this task.

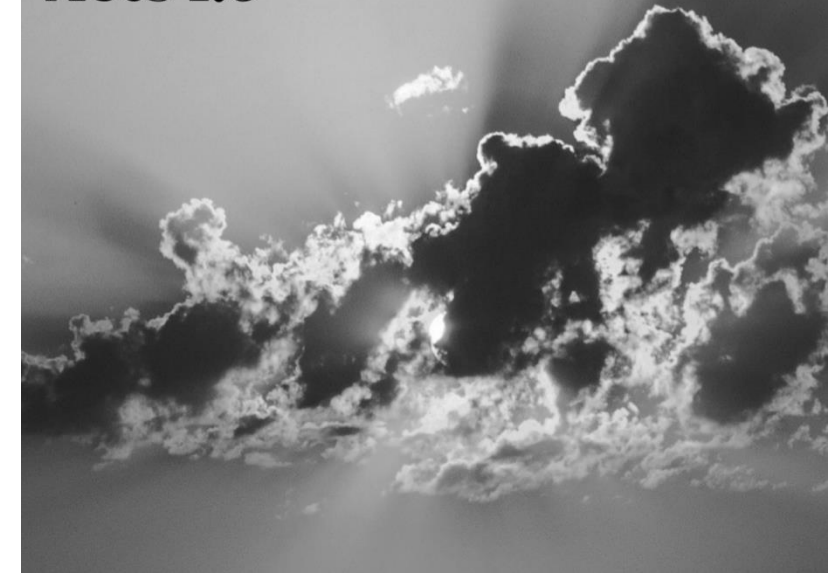
Refrain: Let us go in the love of the Father,
Let us go in the glory of the Son.
Let us go in the Spirit's mighty power.
For your kingdom let us go.
So that others unto you may come.

Preaching the Ascension to Ourselves

Hebrews 4:14-16; 7:25; 10:12-13

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

Acts 1:9



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for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary.
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