

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## LEASIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 16, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.

Ascension Sunday

### GATHERING

PRELUDE *Close to Thee* - F. Ritter, on the Tune by S. J. Vail

WELCOME

A TIME OF CENTERING & STILLNESS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN *Rejoice, the Lord is King* No. 267

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN *He leadeth me* No. 650

PEACE OF CHRIST

### WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC *Be Exalted O God* - Words, Music by B. Chambers

ACTS 1:15-17, 21-26

PSALM 1

HYMN *In the bulb there is a flower* No. 674

JOHN 17:6-19

SERMON *Who do we belong to?*

### RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS *Into My Heart* - D. Wyrzten

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### SENDING

HYMN *Saviour like a shepherd lead us* No. 485

SENDING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Are Ye Able," Said The Master* - R. W. Thygerson

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: From comfortable sofas, from tricycle seats, from easy chairs in front of TVs:

**All: God gathers us in, giving us the words with which to proclaim the gospel.**

One: At kitchen sinks, at laptops and multiple screens, at nursing stations:

**All: Christ calls us to share in serving all creation.**

One: In communities gathered to pray, in memories of those who served, in families grilling in the backyard:

**All: The Holy Spirit fills us with God's joy**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: How foolish we are, Calling God, to think we could be happy when we sit in seduction's comfortable seats, and scoff at your call to discipleship; or run down the easy streets of sin, rather than following Jesus; or idolize the celebrities and superstars, and not see you in those who wait on us in stores, restaurants, and sport arenas. Forgive us, Author of Life. Keep us from our silly selfishness as we seek to become those branches children can climb on; as we hope to provide shade for fellow pilgrims; as we long to be continually nourished by the Living Water of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.**

Silence is kept

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: We are no longer blown about in the winds of the world, we are grounded, yesterday, today, tomorrow in God's forgiveness, hope and love.

**All: Today, tomorrow, forever: we can bear fresh fruit, sharing God's peace and joy with everyone we meet. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

One: We're now going to share the peace. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All:** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in  
heaven; give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;  
for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory;  
for ever and ever. AMEN

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: As we offer our gifts, remind us that they will be used to  
heal the broken often lost in the systems we have  
created,

**All:** to feed those who don't have the forms filled out  
correctly,

One: and to bring hope to those who wander the shadowed  
alleys of despair.

**All:** This we pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

## SENDING

One: From the comfort of this place,  
to the discomfort of discipleship,

**All:** we will go to serve your people, Loving God.

One: Weeding community gardens which feed the hungry,  
tutoring children after school,

**All:** we will go to wrap others in your grace, Jesus our Brother.

One: Listening to the stories of the ignored,  
learning the language of our newest neighbors,

**All:** we will go to discover the truth you share in every  
moment, Spirit of Wisdom.