

Ascension of the Lord May 21, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

✦ *Please stand in body or in spirit*



Ascension-John Singleton Copley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: In awe and wonder, we lift our eyes to the heavens.
We raise our songs of joy to the Ruler of all time and space.

**C: Sing praises to God, sing praises;
Shout to God with loud songs of joy.**

L: We gather to remember the One who shared our lot.
Jesus Christ, who visited this earth, dwells in heaven.

C: We celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus. We rejoice in the hope to which Christ has called us.

L: We open ourselves to baptism with the Holy Spirit.
We expect to be empowered as witnesses in today's world.

C: We seek a spirit of wisdom and revelation. We are here to be filled with power from on high.

✦ OPENING PRAYER

✦ HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH 89

EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 1:15-23 Sherry Daniel

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks Be to God

ANTHEM Choir

PSALTER: Psalm 47 UMH 781

Prayer

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 1:1-11 Sherry Daniel

L: These are the words of God for the people of God

C: Thanks Be to God

MESSAGE: *Why Do You Stand Looking Up?* Pastor Tonya

✦ HYMN: "I Love to Tell the Story" UMH 156

END OF SCHOOL YEAR CELEBRATION

PRAYER, PRAISES, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

✦ DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✦ HYMN: "My Hope Is Built" UMH 368

✦ BENEDICTION

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of

Jane C. & Leo J. Lanahan, Jr.

by Janel & Mitch Parke.

Sound:	Charley Lednum	Accompanist:	Irene Howard
Greeter:	Susan Matthews	Choir Director:	Karla Wilkins
Videographer:	Brandon Crawford or Charley Lednum	Pastor:	Tonya McClain

ATTENDANCE

Sun., May 14, 2023

In-person	43	Online	4
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Zion's Mission Statement

The mission of Zion UMC is to provide a loving community to welcome all who seek a Gospel-based commitment with Jesus Christ, through which their relationship with Him can thrive and to provide opportunities to serve others in His name.

Zion's Core Values

- Worship is the core of our life together.
- We are family.
- We grow disciples.
- We honor God by serving others.
- We live as God's stewards.
- We respect our heritage.

OTHER INFORMATION

Praise and Prayer Concerns may be texted to 302-536-8136.

They will not be read during today's service, but added to next week's list.

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