

ASCENSION SUNDAY

*The *asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dale Sutton

PREPARATION

Prelude

Sonata in G Minor, Andante and Rondo Allegro

by Ludwig van Beethoven

Jo-Ann Odonkor, pianist

Opening Prayer–All Uniting

Liturgist: Logan Hines

God of incredible surprises, as we gaze into the clouds, remind us that we are standing on holy ground. Place our feet on the pathways of peace and hope. Draw our attention from the vision of the Lord rising to the heavens to be with you and help us to focus on the ministries that you would have us do. Keep us ready and willing always to serve you all our days. AMEN.

*Gathering Hymn

I Surrender All

UM Hymnal 354

***CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)**

L: Jesus prayed for his disciples, giving them into God’s eternal care.

C: Jesus prays for us, giving us into God’s care.

L: Know that you have been blessed with the love of the Savior.

C: We live in that love and seek to serve God.

L: Open your hearts and spirits now to hear God’s word.

C: May our lives be open to God’s Spirit and reflect God’s love. AMEN.

Invitation to Children

Rev. Dale Sutton

Children’s Song-congregation

Where Children Belong

Lyrics:

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

Children’s Message

Logan Hines

Kingdom Kid’s Choir, accompanied by Marty Bell, pianist

Arky, Arky, arr. by Larry Haron

INTO THE WORD

Ephesians 1:15-23

Acts 1:1–11

Lay Reader: Dave Dunnavant

*Response to the Word

Gloria Patri

UM Hymnal 71

Message

Wisdom & Revelation

Rev. Dale Sutton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (x2)

TFWS 2193

Morning Prayer

Lord’s Prayer–**UM Hymnal 895**

Invitation and Dedication for the Giving of Our Lives, Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings:
When we bring an offering to God, it is a form of worship. Worshipping God with giving of our money reveals our hearts desire. We give sacrificially, generously, and continuously as a way of ascribing value to who God is in our lives. As we do so, our love for God and others grow.

Offertory

Grace, arr. by Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir

***Doxology**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UM Hymnal 94

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

ADULT MISSION TRIP RECAP

&

GRADUATING SENIOR RECOGNITION/SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

*Hymn of Parting

Here I Am, Lord

UM Hymnal 593

*Benediction

Postlude

Little Nocturne, by Jakob Metelka
Philomena Odonkor, pianist

Worship Participants:

Chancel & Kingdom Kids Choir Director:

Terry Dunnavant

Live Stream:

Carol & Kyle Moore

Sound:

Jasmine Bayless

Ushers:

Logan & Youth

