

THE CHAPEL of CYPRESS COVE

Fifth Sunday in Eastertide & Ascension Sunday
May 22, 2022

Roy St Onge, Music Director – Jim Wert, Pianist – Bill Dawson, Organist

THE PRELUDE “F. Chopin: Polonaise in A major”
Peter Fancovic, Piano

THE PROCESSIONAL “Alleluia, Alleluia”
No 162

THE WELCOME, GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, RESPONSE,
PRESENTATION
*“Surely The Presence Of The Lord Is In This Place. I Can Feel His Mighty Power
And His Grace. I Can Hear The Brush Of Angel’s Wings. I See Glory On Each Face.
Surely The Presence Of The Lord Is In This Place.”*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION
Pastor: Come let us worship! You have heard what was written about Jesus
in Scripture—
PEOPLE: HOW HE WOULD SUFFER AND DIE AND THEN RISE
FROM THE DEAD ON THE THIRD DAY;
Pastor: How the same power that raised Jesus from the dead raised Him to
heaven and seated Him at the right hand of God, where he now intercedes
on our behalf.
EVERYONE: SO, LET US COME BEFORE GOD WITH CONFIDENCE
TODAY AND EVERY DAY!

THE HYMN OF PRAISE “Hail To The Lord’s Anointed”
No. 203

THE CONFESSION OF OUR SINFUL ACTIONS (Unison)
ON THIS DAY OF ASCENSION, WE CONFESS THAT SOMETIMES WE
FORGET THE CROSS OF CHRIST AND THE EMPTY TOMB. OUR
THINKING CAN BECOME CYNICAL AND OUR HEARTS HARDENED
IN SELF-PROTECTION BECAUSE OF THE WORLD WE LIVE IN. WE
CONFESS OUR WRONG ACTIONS AND LOOK TO YOU FOR
FORGIVENESS. ALLOW OUR MINDS NOT TO BE TAINTED BY
REASONED PERCEPTIONS AND OUR HEARTS BY FEAR. WE ASK

YOUR LORD, TO LEAD OUR MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT TO BE
CLOSER TO YOUR LOVE AND TEACHINGS. AMEN

THE CHORAL ANTHEM “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”
Chancel Choir

Director

Mary Reed, Assistant Music

THE OFFERING, OFFERTORY, DOXOLOGY “My Lord Is Near Me”
Jim Wert, Piano

***PLEASE PLACE YOUR OFFERING IN THE PLATES AT THE CHURCH
ENTRANCE!***

*“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”*

THE PRAYERS Concerns Pastoral Prayer Lord’s Prayer
Response No 471

THE SCRIPTURE REFERENCE Acts: 1:1-11

THE SERMON MESSAGE: “Into The Sky!” Rev Ted
Althouse

THE HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION “My Hope Is Built”
No 368

THE PASTORAL BENEDICTION AND LAITY RESPONSE (Sung in
Unison)

*“Bless Be The Tie That Binds Our Hearts In Christian Love:
The Fellowship Of Kindred Minds, Is Like To That Above.”*

THE POSTLUDE “Hallelujah” Composed by Leonard Cohn
Peter Fancovic, Piano

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED UNTIL THE POSTLUDE IS COMPLETED!



NEXT SUNDAY: May 29, 2022 – Memorial
Day Sunday

SERMON MESSAGE: “Who To Memorialize?”

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Romans 10:1-4

The Altar Floral Arrangements Are Presented In Loving Memory Of Our Director Of Music, Roy St Onge.

There were 10 days between Christ's ascension and his return in the Spirit to his disciples on Pentecost (first in the form of a Heavenly dove). It is believed that Jesus waited for the first day of the Jewish Pentecost (Shavuot) which is the celebration of Moses giving the Ten Commandments (God's Laws) to the people of Israel. The disciples were instructed by Jesus just before He ascended into Heaven to *"wait for the Father to give you the Holy Spirit"*. (Acts 1:4)

REMEMBERING ROY ST ONGE

"I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories not only today but every day." —Leo Buscaglia

"Like a bird singing in the rain, let grateful memories survive in time of sorrow."
—Robert Louis Stevenson

Stevenson



JoAnn Ahern, Edwin Basler, Carol Cessna, Diana Hoatson (sister of Linda Brown), Jim & Pat Daniels, Cal Eells, Richard and Rosemary Ericson, Cindy Fiska, Rhonda Hotlzclaw & family, Cyndi Koski, Glenda Lemay, Karrie Lyn, Jack McCarthy, Helen McDermott, Margie Mitchell, Bob Osborne, Bill Sadd, Gloria St Onge and family, Dot Streck, Aline Wolf, and all other individuals who need God's healing touch.

Pray For Healing And Compassion For All The People Of Ukraine Who Are Suffering.

DOES CHRIST'S ASCENSION BENEFIT YOU?

Forty days after Jesus's resurrection, the bible tells us that Jesus disappears. *"He was taken up before their very eyes,"* Luke tells us, *"and a cloud hid him from their sight"* (Acts 1:9). Two angels then tell the disciples that Jesus was *"taken into heaven"* (Acts 1:11) So, what do we make



of this twist in the Christ's resurrection story? How should we understand our crucified and risen Lord's living body goes up into the sky? Some people treat Christ's ascension as little more than a dazzling exclamation point for the resurrection rather than as just a special event in its own right. Yet the ascension of Christ is a vital part of the redemption story. If we simply collapse the ascension into the resurrection, we miss stunning benefits tied directly to Jesus being taken into heaven. Ephesians 1:20–21 speaks of the power God exerted when he *"raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come."* Further, the ascension provides for us to also be *"seated with him in the heavenly realms in Jesus Christ"* (Ephesians 2:6–7). This is remarkable! Not only do we participate in Christ's resurrection life; we also share in his exaltation and victory over the powers of eternal death in hell. The ascension made this victory over evil powers possible because Jesus Christ did not ascend spiritually, leaving behind his body and world history; rather he ascended in the flesh, opening up space for all who will truly believe in the resurrected and alive Christ for eternal life. It's the Lord's power that makes this possible (Ephesians 6:10). This is a power we can access as believers seated in the heavenly realms with our ascended Lord. We need this power since the problems we face appear to be human conflicts, but are ultimately struggles with the forces of darkness (Eph. 6:12). Now you know one of the reasons why Jesus disappeared and ascended to heaven before the eyes of his believers. His ascension wasn't merely an exclamation point at the end of the resurrection; it provided his followers with power, grace, mercy, presence, gifts, and anticipation enabling them to advance his mission. On this Ascension Day (40 days after the resurrection), take time to reflect on how Jesus ascension changed everything. Respond to

the psalmist's call to *"forget not all his benefits"* (Psalm. 103:2). Indeed, some of our own personal life benefits flow to us as a result of Christ's ascension to God's right hand.

IF AN EMERGENCY OR ANY OTHER PASTORAL CARE IS
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