

Announcements

Welcome — to our guests and visitors who worshipped with us today. Please return and worship with us again.

Pastor Rodebaugh is sick with Covid and was not able to conduct the service today. Please keep him and his family in your prayers this week.

<u>May 22 Offerings:</u>	\$ 2,610.50
Weekly Offerings needed for budget	\$ 1,607.69
General Fund Balance	\$ 22,373.49
Faith-Blue Springs Balance	\$ 25,079.22
Total Cash All Funds	\$ 63,555.92



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Hymn 215 Draw Us to Thee

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: (sing) Amen.

Confession of Our Sins

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Congregation: (sing) Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

Congregation: (sing) And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: O Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor and Congregation: O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Absolution from Our God

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given us His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives all our sins. To them that believe on His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Congregation: (sing) Amen

The Offertory

Pastor & Congregation: *(sing)*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a
right spirit within me
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;
and uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts

Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Hymn 213 Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

The Benediction

Congregation: *(sing)* Amen, Amen, Amen.

 Hymn 212 (v6-7) A Hymn of Glory, Let us Sing

The Gloria

Pastor & Congregation: *(sing hymn 23:4)*

Hallelujah! Let praises ring!
Unto our Triune God we sing;
Blest be His name forever!
With angel hosts let us adore
And sing His praises more and more
For all His grace and favor!
Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy,--
Spread the story; of our God, the Lord of Glory!

The Prayer for the Day

Congregation: *(sing)* Amen

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Scripture Readings

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Ephesians 1:16-23

¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. (ESV © 2009)

Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that every-

thing written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple blessing God. (ESV © 2009)

Confession of Faith



(The Apostolic Creed)

I BELIEVE...

in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen



Hymn 212 (1-5) A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing

† Sermon †

Acts 1:1-11

¹ The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, ² until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, ³ to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

⁴ And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," *He said*, "you have heard from Me; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶ Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be [c] witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

⁹ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹ who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." (*The New King James Version. 1982. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers.*)

Sermon Theme: Why The Devil Wants You To Forget About Ascension Day