



WHITEHOUSE UMC

...to love, serve, and share Christ

ASCENSION SUNDAY—THE 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 24, 2020
10:00 AM

WELCOME & CENTERING MOMENT

Take a moment to open yourself up to God's presence wherever you happen to be watching this service. Consider lighting a candle, or saying a prayer with anyone who's with you.

PRELUDE

Dr. Sarah Roberts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Trey Burns

- As of right now, in-person activities at WUMC are still suspended. In-person worship is tentatively scheduled to resume on June 7, if positive trends continue in our county. More information about new precautions will be sent out by email and posted on social media.
- If you have a prayer request that you'd like Pastor Trey to address in his pastoral prayer later in the service, leave a comment below.
- Sunday School class will be held on Zoom at 11:00 this morning.
- If you'd like to give online, you can do so at whitehouseumc.com/donate

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Trey Burns

HYMN

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

UMH 312

*1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
To his throne above the skies, Alleluia!
Christ, a while to mortals given, Alleluia!
Reascends his native heaven, Alleluia!*

*2. There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia!
Lift your head, eternal gates, Alleluia!
Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia!
Take the King of Glory in, Alleluia!*

*3. See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!
Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
Still he calls the world his own, Alleluia!*

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise” - words by Charles Wesley, music by Robert Williams, harmony by David Evans
Harmony © Oxford University Press
CCLI License #1550924

AFFIRMATION

The Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

**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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at 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 Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

UMH 70

*Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Amen.*

PRAYER

A Prayer for the Sunday After the Ascension

UMBOW 404

**O God, the King of Glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven.
Do not leave us comfortless,
but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us,
and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before us;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

“A Prayer for the Sunday After the Ascension”

© Oxford University Press

CCLI License #1550924

HYMN

Christ is Alive

UMH 318

*1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.*

*2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine
he comes to claim the here and now
and dwell in every place and time.*

*3. Not throned afar, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior in the God-head reigns.*

*4. In every insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.*

*5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and all creation ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.*

“Christ is Alive” – words by Brian Wren
© 1975 Hope Publishing Co.
CCLI License #1550924

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. ‘This’, he said, ‘is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’

So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

This is the word of God, for us, the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Risen and Rising Lord

Rev. Trey Burns

MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATION

Dr. Micah Bell, trumpet
guest musician

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.**

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN

1. *I serve a risen Savior,
he's in the world today;
I know that he is living,
whatever foes may say.
I see his hand of mercy,
I hear his voice of cheer,
and just the time I need him,
he's always near.
(Refrain)*

He Lives

3. *Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,
lift up your voice and sing
eternal hallelujahs
to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him,
the help of all who find;
none other is so loving,
so good and kind.
(Refrain)*

UMH 310

*Refrain:
He lives, he lives,
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.*

“He Lives” – words and music by Alfred H. Ackley
© 1933, renewed 1961 The Rodcheaver Co.
CCLI License #1550924

BENEDICTION

Rev. Trey Burns

POSTLUDE

Dr. Sarah Roberts

+++++

PRAYER LIST

The Weavers	Sandra Walton	Joe Greenwell
The Wilkes	The Loros	Tina Kenney
The Youngers	Joyce Bammes	<i>following her surgery</i>
Harold Marshall	Loved ones of Milburn Austin	Ethan Calhoun
Carl Lintner	Kelly Kea	<i>nephew of Amanda and Adam</i>
Guy DeLaMarter	Luke Shaeffer	Brenda Caps
Gaige Hendley	Gene Ruelle	Alfred Vest
Bert Gardner	Betty Garner	Matt Lockwood
Loved ones of Kendall Neill	Bri Benoit	Micheal Robinson
Kristen Longfellow	Ryan Baron	<i>returned from deployment</i>
Jason Krob	Lauren Lawler	Nathan Lane
Kathy Goldwater	Loved ones of Juanita Hagan	Catrina Johnson
<i>sister-in-law of Janet Neill</i>	Loved ones of Mason Roberts	her 2 granddaughters
Tim Snookhouse	Our military	First Responders
<i>Brother-in-law of Robert Neill</i>	Our Community	Our Church Family
Our Schools	Our elected leaders	Our Country

WUMC STAFF & PROGRAM LEADERS

PASTOR	Rev. Trey Burns	FINANCE ADMIN	Jessica Sorrels
LAY LEADER	Karn Schmidt	YOUTH MINISTRY	Keith Schmidt
MUSIC LEADER	Jerry Compton	CHILDREN'S MINISTRY	Brandi Mburugu
PIANIST	Dr. Sarah Roberts	WORSHIP MEDIA	Pat Lavender
CUSTODIAN	Gail Zollicoffer		

+++++

Whitehouse United Methodist Church	www.whitehouseumc.com	903-839-2173
405 W. Main St.	Facebook: /WhitehouseUMC	info@whitehouseumc.com
Whitehouse, TX 75791	Instagram: @umcwhitehousetx	