



## HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*gathered for corporate worship*

June 19, 2022

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*And Jesus led his disciples out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.*

- Luke 24.50-53

How should you understand Jesus' ascension into heaven?

*Jesus was taken up out of human sight and returned in his humanity to the glory he had shared with the Father before his incarnation. There he intercedes for, and receives into heavenly life, all who come to him in faith. Though absent in body, Jesus is always with me by his Spirit and hears me when I pray.*

What resulted from the ascension?

*Jesus ascended into heaven so that, through him, his Father might send us the gift of the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit, Christians together are united to Christ, the living Head his Body, the Church.*

- questions 71 & 72, from  
'To Be A Christian'

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HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)  
*worship, nurture & service*

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**June – August**

Fellowship	9:30
Worship	10:00
Family Dinner	5pm (1 <sup>st</sup> Sundays)

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June 19, 2022  
*a day of rest*

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**Welcome & Announcements**

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**Entering into Worship**

*Matthew 6.9-13*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Call to Worship**

*1 Chronicles 29.10-13*

Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

**Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.**

Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.

**Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.**

In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

**And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.**

## Songs of Praise

### Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace.  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer\*, hither by thy help I've come.  
And I hope by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God.  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be.  
Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Then one day I'll see my Savior; face to face behold him there.  
No more tears and no more sorrows, no more sin and no despair!  
Faith to sight and prayer to praises, I will worship evermore  
With the saints and with the angels, Jesus Christ, my gracious Lord.

*Words: Robert Robinson, 1758,  
4th stanza, Ryan Stone, 2010*

*Music: Asahel Nettleton, 1825*

(\*Ebenezer means "stone of help." 1 Sam. 7.12)

## His Love Can Never Fail

I do not ask to see the way my feet will have to tread;  
But only that my soul may feed upon the living Bread.  
'Tis better far that I should walk by faith close to his side;  
I may not know the way I go, but O, I know my Guide.

*His love can never fail. His love can never fail.  
My soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail.  
My soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail.*

And if my feet would go astray, they cannot, for I know  
That Jesus guides my falt'ring steps, as joyfully I go.  
And tho' I may not see his face, my faith is strong and clear,  
That in each hour of sore distress my Savior will be near.

I will not fear, tho' darkness come abroad o'er all the land,  
If I may only feel the touch of his own loving hand.  
And tho' I tremble when I think how weak I am, and frail,  
My soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail.

*Words: E.S. Hall, 1897  
Music: Chris Miner, 2004*

## Confessing Our Sin

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*(Matthew 5.3-10)*

*Let us reflect upon these beatitudes for a few moments in silent prayer.*

**Father, in heaven, have mercy upon us. Here in Jesus' words we see how far short we fall. We fail to be who you created us to be and to do what you have created us to do. In ourselves, we are not the kind of people you call blessed.**

**But we also see here what you call us to and what – in Christ – you are making us to be. So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. We are being transformed into the image of our blessed Savior, from one degree of glory to another, as we behold his glory. We know that for our sake, you made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him, in Jesus our Savior, we might become the righteousness of God.**

**Thank you for your abundant mercy and grace to us. Thank you that we are blessed forever in Jesus Christ, in whom is every spiritual blessing and in whose name we pray together. Amen.**

*(portions of this prayer are adapted from  
2 Corinthians 4.16, 3.18 & 5.21)*

## Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea;  
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart.  
I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart;  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

And when I stumble in the dark, his hand shall lead me to the light.  
His death to me his grace imparts. He rose again to give me life.  
The law my flesh could never keep, but my Redeemer bore my guilt.  
He brought me out of misery, that I in him shall surely live;  
That I in him shall surely live.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see him there who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free  
For God the just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me;  
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.  
One in himself I cannot die my soul is purchased by his blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high; with Christ my Savior and my God!  
With Christ my Savior and my God!

*Words: Charitie Lees Bancroft, d. 1923*

*Stanza 2, Ryan Stone, 2006*

*Music: Vicki Cook, 1997*

## Pastoral Prayer

*Doug Zimbelman, elder*

## Offering

*(In addition to the plates being passed, you can place your offering in the  
box at the back of the sanctuary or you can give online through the  
Resources tab on our website.)*

<sup>1</sup> In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup> And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.



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## Confessing The Faith

Christian, what do you believe?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell\*. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living 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.**

What do you mean by saying, "He ascended into heaven"?

**That Christ, while his disciples watched, was lifted up from earth to heaven and will be there for our good until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.**

And how does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

**First, he pleads our cause in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven – a guarantee that Christ our head will take us, his members, to himself in heaven. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a further guarantee. By the Spirit's power we make the goal of our lives, not earthly things, but the things above where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.**

*The Apostles' Creed & Heidelberg Catechism, questions 46 & 49*  
\* 'hell' here means the realm of death, not 'place of eternal torment'  
\*\* 'catholic' here means 'universal'

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*Those receiving communion will please come forward when prepared to do so.*

*Please note: the common cups and the outer rings of the trays are wine.*

**Benediction**

*Numbers 6.24-26*

*Beloved, the LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace,  
now and forevermore, through Jesus, our King and our Savior.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pure Desire Ministries**

Pure Desire exists to help men and women take back their lives from unwanted sexual behavior and the trauma of betrayal. These studies are an excellent and proven way to both come alongside sexual strugglers as well as combat the struggle yourself. For the current schedule & location, please contact Jeremiah Davis ([jeremiah.davis@tuntavernfellowship](mailto:jeremiah.davis@tuntavernfellowship) | 910.546.8224).

**Mission Trip**

July 16-24, we will be sending a team to **Fairmont, West Virginia** to work with a PCA ministry called *Camp Dayspring*, serving in construction, VBS and relationship building. Ken Counts is your point of contact for this trip.

**Staying Connected**

- Please feel free to make any need or prayer request known to the church leadership through the email address [elders@harvestpres.com](mailto:elders@harvestpres.com). That is a confidential email that only the elders see. We would welcome you to make use of it.
- *Email Distro List* – if you're interested in receiving email announcements and reminders, please send Grant an email and ask to be added to the official Harvest distro list ([gmbeachy@gmail.com](mailto:gmbeachy@gmail.com)).
- *Directory* – In order to foster relationships among us as a church family, we encourage you to make use of the app 'Instant Church Directory.' Jim Turner is point of contact for the app if you have any questions.

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## PURPOSE STATEMENT

Harvest Presbyterian Church exists by the providence and grace of God  
to develop and equip God's people for their calling  
to glorify and enjoy him in all of life through  
*worship, nurture & service*

## SUPPORTED MINISTRIES & MISSIONS

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**RUF – Reformed University Fellowship** (our denominational campus ministry)  
**MTW – Mission To the World** (our denominational missions arm)

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