

SOUTH ARLINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 5, 2011

10:45 a.m.

ASCENSION & COMMUNION SUNDAY

*The congregation is invited to stand, if able.

(Bold type indicates the people speak in unison.)

GATHERING

CHIMES & PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warm greetings to all! We gather to say with the psalmist: “O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth!” and to praise the loving Creator of us all. Be glad and rejoice. We are in God’s house and all are accepted and welcomed.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Clap your hands, all you people!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our Sovereign Lord!

God is sovereign over all the earth!

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Let everything that has breath sing praises.

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

***PRAISING TIME**

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

#133

“When the Roll is Called Up Yonder”

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“Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone”

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***GLORIA PATRI**

#70

CHILDREN’S TIME

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus said to his disciples before he ascended to God, “Repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in my name to all nations.” Repent then, followers of Christ, and allow Christ to transform your lives. Receive forgiveness in the name of the risen savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS / MEDITATION AND PRAYER

CHOIR ANTHEM “Do This and Remember Me”

PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1: 1 – 11

pg. 118 NT

***HYMN**

“Are Ye Able”

#530

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 24: 44 – 53

pg. 91 NT

This is the Word of God; for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Sing Praises to God, Sing Praises”

Rev. Nan Morgan

RESPONDING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

***DOXOLOGY**

#95

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We thank you, O God, for your many gifts, which make us what we are. Receive these gifts that we bring today in token and thanks, for the love we have received from your gracious hand. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Bless, O God, the breaking of this bread and the giving of this cup. As we share in this miraculous gift of Holy Communion, pour your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that we may know your peace and experience your presence in our lives. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

DEPARTING

* HYMN "When We All Get to Heaven" #701

*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE "Fill My Cup, Lord" #641

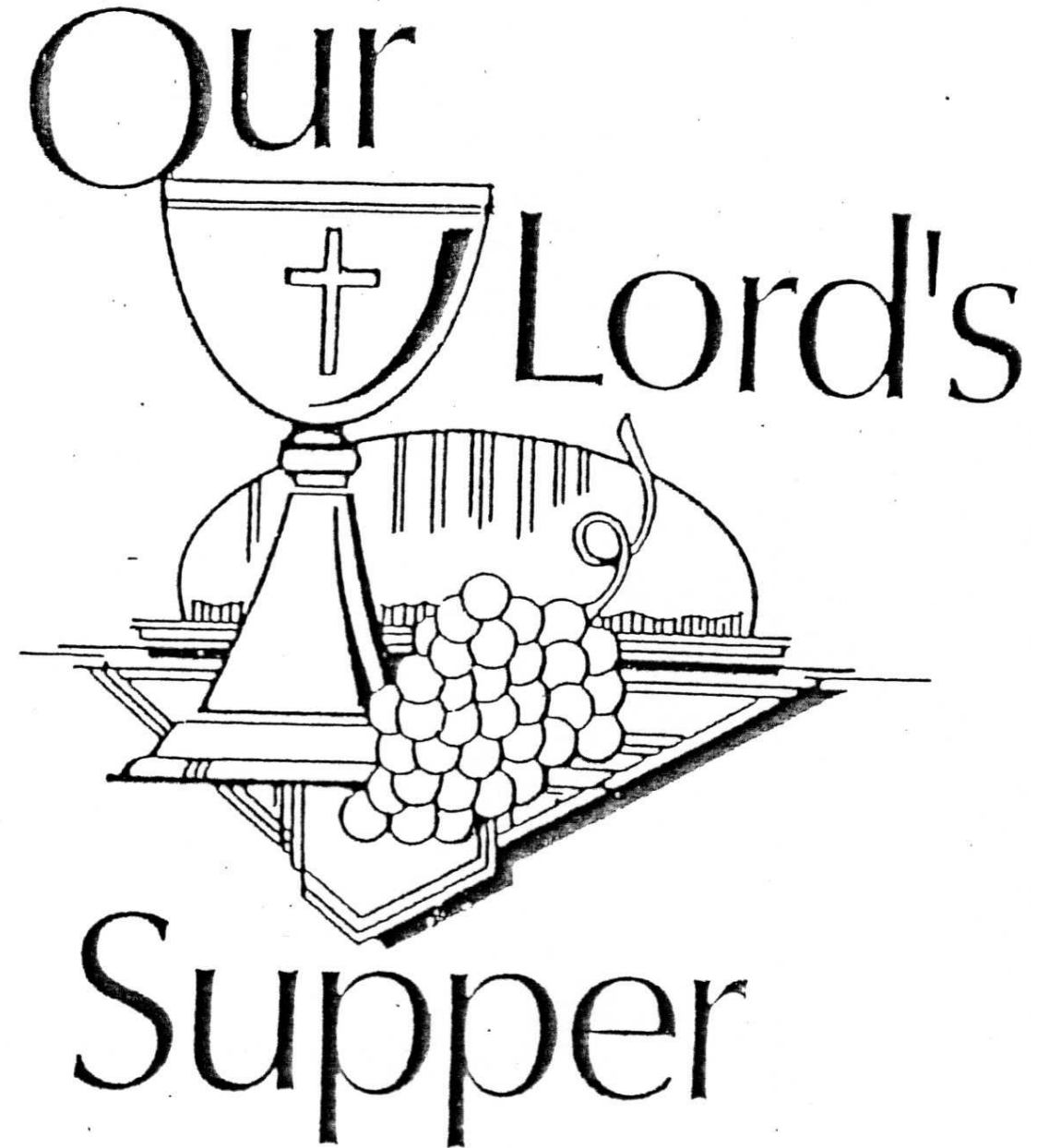
POSTLUDE

The meaning of Christ's Ascension

In the days of Christ's earthly ministry, he could only be physically present in one place at any given time. The late Archbishop William Temple put it this way, "Only those could speak to him who came to where he was. If he was in Galilee, people could not find him in Jerusalem; if he was in Jerusalem, they could not find him in Galilee" (from *Readings in St. John's Gospel*).

Christ's Ascension means that, spiritually speaking, he is with us wherever we find ourselves. Christ desires to be present with us everywhere we go. His presence is universal. He is here now. "Believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory" (1 Timothy 3:16 NRSV). That is what the Ascension affirms.

As the acolytes extinguish the candles from worship and carry Christ's Light out into the world, please remain still and quiet until they have left the sanctuary.



ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Nan Morgan
Music Director: Mark Gilbert
Organist/Pianist: Debbie Ingersoll
Bulletins: Bob Thom
Liturgist: Meagan Crookston
Nursery: Darleen Seward & Dalton Noffsinger

Worship Attendance – May 29th

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Offering Received – May 29th

Operating: \$764.00
Building: \$224.00
Missions: \$316.00



PRAYER CONCERNS: Ron Warren, Blair & Wanda Lias, Dorothy Mick, Baby Morgan, Ron Caetta, our military men and women and their families, the homeless, people facing addictions and people without jobs. Traveling mercies for Dan & Donna Prior.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:
Shelly Nipper (11th)

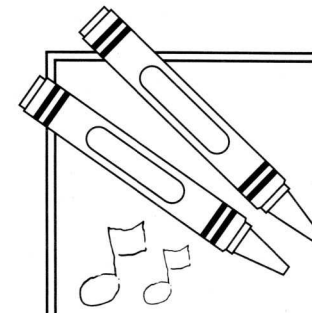
REMINDER: Rev. Nan will be out of town at Annual Conference from Saturday, June 11th – Saturday, June 18th.

The Summer Lunch Program will be starting on Monday, June 20th. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office. Thank you!

REMINDER

Deadline for the Sunday Worship Bulletin – Wednesday at Noon.
Deadline for the May Messenger – 15th of the month

If you are in need of pastoral care or if you are aware of anyone who needs a call, please let Rev. Nan know by either calling her cell phone - 330-962-6773 or e-mail her at revnanmorgan@aol.com. If there is no answer on the phone, please leave her a message.



Just for KIDS

Psalm 98

It's summertime: The earth is blooming, school's out, vacations are here, time to enjoy the world around you!
Find these happy verses from Psalm 98. Use the code to fill the blanks.

CODE	
	burst
	joy
	sing
	all
	jubilant
	earth
	music
	new
	harp
	rivers
	Lord
	make
	King
	song
	shout
	let
	clap
	hands
	mountains
	together

“ _____ to the _____
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“Sing to the Lord a new song! Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth! Burst into jubilation with music! Make music to the Lord with the harp! Shout for joy before the Lord the King! Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy!”

PRAISE SONGS

Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear. the hour I first believed.

CHORUS

My chains are gone. I've been set free.

My God, my Savior has ransomed me.

And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing Grace.

The Lord has promised good to me. His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures. **CHORUS 2X**

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below, will be forever mine,
will be forever mine, You are forever mine. **CHORUS**

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WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER

J. M. B.

J. M. BLACK



1. When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, and time shall be no more, And the
2. On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise, And the
3. Let us la - bor for the Mas - ter from the dawn till set - ting sun, Let us



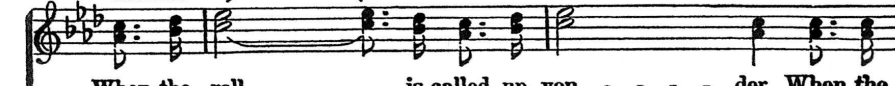
morning breaks, e - ter - nal, bright and fair; When the saved of earth shall gather
glo - ry of His res - ur - rec - tion share; When His cho - sen ones shall gather
talk of all His wondrous love and care; Then when all of life is o - ver,



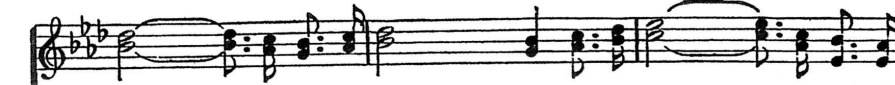
o - ver on the oth - er shore, And the roll is called up yon - der, I'll be there.
to their home beyond the skies, And the roll is called up yon - der, I'll be there.
and our work on earth is done, And the roll is called up yon - der, I'll be there.



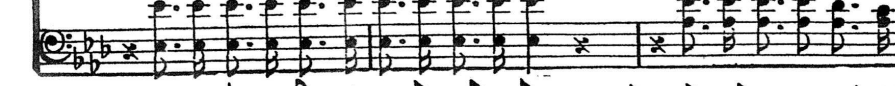
CHORUS.



When the roll is called up yon - - - - der, When the
When the roll is called up yon - der, I'll be there,



roll is called up yon - - der, When the roll is called up
When the roll is called up yon - der, I'll be there, When the roll is called up



yon - der, When the roll is called up yon - der, I'll be there.

