

Parkwood UMC Service of Worship
Ascension Sunday
June 1, 2025

† Please stand as you are able.



*QR Code for Nursery
Sign-In and Out Log*

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Chiming the Trinity

Call to Worship—Psalm 130:1-7 (CEB)
I cry out to you from the depths, LORD—

² my Lord, listen to my voice!

Let your ears pay close attention to my request for mercy!

³ If you kept track of sins, LORD—
my Lord, who would stand a chance?

⁴ But forgiveness is with you—
that's why you are honored.

⁵ I hope, LORD.

My whole being hopes,
and I wait for God's promise.

⁶ My whole being waits for my Lord—
more than the night watch waits for morning;
yes, more than the night watch waits for morning!

⁷ Israel, wait for the LORD!

Because faithful love is with the LORD;
because great redemption is with our God!

† *Opening Hymn* "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" TFWs 2088
The children ages 0-5 may proceed to the nursery with volunteers, as the parents are invited to sign them in, if they haven't already.

Hymn "The Goodness of God" (PP)

Prayer for Illumination

God who wants to encounter us, who still speaks through Your Word today,
make our hearts and minds ready. Breathe into these words anew so that we
might listen to the Word you have for us, that it might become a Living Word

that walks among us today. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 23

Jan Schwarze

Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

Leader: this is the word of God for us the people of God, **thanks be to God!**

Offering and Choir Anthem



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures high and low.

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.

QR Code for Giving

Sermon

"Don't Just Stand There, Wait"

Rev. Adam Benson

HOLY COMMUNION

Litany of Confession

Lord on High, too often we are impatient, and we know not how to wait on
You; we are impatient with each other; we are impatient with ourselves. How
often have we looked to the clouds for answers, while we failed to live into
your Kingdom and Your instruction for our lives. Forgive us, Lord, for when
we have failed you for what we have done and by what we have left undone. In
your grace, empower, lead, and teach us how You are calling us to be Your
disciples today. Not our will, but may Thy will be done in our lives. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Friends, even though our love failed, God's love remains steadfast. Even when we
wander away like stray sheep, God continues to claim us as His own and offer a new
start. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People (to leader): In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God! Amen.

† *Peace of Christ*

At this time, you may greet your neighbor with signs of peace, and someone may proceed to get the children from the nursery for receiving Holy Communion

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Joining earth and heaven's unending hymn Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Proclaiming the mystery of faith Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

*You may follow along on UMH 15-16 for the liturgy for Holy Communion.
The Receiving of Holy Communion*

Prayer Following the Receiving of Holy Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

† *Closing Hymn* “Build Your Kingdom Here” (PP)

† *Dismissal with Blessing*

† *Chiming the Trinity*

† *Postlude*

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“Ascension” by Vaughan, Joanna

How Waiting Prepares Us

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