

Church of the Ascension

September 12, 2021

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am

Welcome to the Church of the Ascension

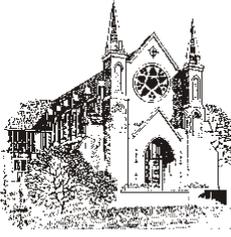
We are pleased to have you worship with us. If you are visiting and have not registered, the ushers will ask for your name for contact tracing. All are invited to meet on the front lawn after the service (observing social distancing). Let's get to know each other!

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Holy Eucharist, EOW, 10:30am

Please note that in our liturgy when we refer to God we cannot adequately verbalize the magnitude and comprehensiveness of God's diversity and are always limited by our use of language. We acknowledge that although Jesus was born into history as a man, neither God the Father nor God the Holy Spirit were embodied with human sex. Although our language is often not all inclusive we believe God always is. God made human beings in God's own image with complexity and diversity. Thank you for sharing your diversity and complexity with us as we worship God together.

The Liturgy of the Word

Voluntary: Voluntary on Ashgrove

Kristina Langlois

Opening Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

H525

Tune: Aurelia

*1 The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.*

*2 Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy Name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.*

*5 Yet she on earth hath union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.*

Welcome

Opening Acclamation *(The people standing)*

EOW 50

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

Song of Praise: To God be the Glory

Malcolm Archer

Tune: Ash Grove

*To God be the glory, all glory in the highest,
and peace to his people who dwell here below;
Our heavenly Father, our Lord, and our sovereign,
to you, the Almighty, our praises bestow;
We worship and adore you, we bow here before you
with grateful thanksgiving, our song let us raise;
All glory and honor and glad adoration,
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.*

*Lord Jesus, the only begotten of the Father,
We praise and we bless you, the Son and the Lamb;
The sin of the world you have taken upon you,
have mercy upon us, the Great I AM!
For holy, you meet us, yet lowly you greet us,
the Lord in the highest, the Holy One;
All glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit,
from ages everlasting, the Three in One.*

The Collect

Presider God be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Presider Let us pray.

God our rock and refuge: keep us safe in your care and strengthen us with your grace, that we may pray to you faithfully and love one another boldly, following the example of Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(source: *Veronese Sacramentary*)

People sit for the reading of the lessons

A Reading from Isaiah

50:4-9a

The LORD God gives me
the right words
to encourage the weary.
Each morning he awakens me
eager to learn his teaching;
he made me willing to listen
and not rebel or run away.

I let them beat my back
and pull out my beard.
I didn't turn aside
when they insulted me
and spit in my face.
But the LORD God keeps me
from being disgraced.
So I refuse to give up,
because I know
God will never let me down.

My protector is nearby;
no one can stand here
to accuse me of wrong.
The LORD God will help me
and prove I am innocent.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-8

¹ I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

² *The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.*

³ Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

⁴ *Gracious is the LORD and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.*

⁵ The LORD watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.

⁶ *Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the LORD has treated you well.*

⁷ For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

⁸ *I will walk in the presence of the LORD *
in the land of the living.*

A Reading from James

3:1-12

My friends, we should not all try to become teachers. In fact, teachers will be judged more strictly than others. All of us do many wrong things. But if you can control your tongue, you are mature and able to control your whole body.

By putting a bit into the mouth of a horse, we can turn the horse in different directions. It takes strong winds to move a large sailing ship, but the captain uses only a small rudder to make it go in any direction. Our tongues are small too, and yet they brag about big things.

It takes only a spark to start a forest fire! The tongue is like a spark. It is an evil power that dirties the rest of the body and sets a person's entire life on fire with flames that come from hell

itself. All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and sea creatures can be tamed and have been tamed. But our tongues get out of control. They are restless and evil, and always spreading deadly poison.

My dear friends, with our tongues we speak both praises and curses. We praise our Lord and Father, and we curse people who were created to be like God, and this isn't right. Can clean water and dirty water both flow from the same spring? Can a fig tree produce olives or a grapevine produce figs? Does fresh water come from a well full of salt water?

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand

Sequence Hymn: Take Up Your Cross

H675

Tune: Bourbon

*1 Take up your cross, the Savior said,
if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart,
and humbly follow after me.*

*2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
His strength shall bear your spirit up
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.*

*3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
and let your foolish heart be still;
the Lord for you accepted death
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.*

*4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave:
it guides you to abundant life
and leads to victory o'er the grave.*

*5 Take up your cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the crown,*

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ
 according to **Mark**

8:27-38

People: ***Glory to you, Lord Christ***

Jesus and his disciples went to the villages near the town of Caesarea Philippi. As they were walking along, he asked them, “What do people say about me?”

The disciples answered, “Some say you are John the Baptist or maybe Elijah. Others say you are one of the prophets.”

Then Jesus asked them, “But who do you say I am?”

“You are the Messiah!” Peter replied.

Jesus warned the disciples not to tell anyone about him.

Jesus began telling his disciples what would happen to him. He said, “The nation’s leaders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the Law of Moses will make the Son of Man suffer terribly. He will be rejected and killed, but three days later he will rise to life.” Then Jesus explained clearly what he meant.

Peter took Jesus aside and told him to stop talking like that. But when Jesus turned and saw the disciples, he corrected Peter. He said to him, “Satan, get away from me! You are thinking like everyone else and not like God.”

Jesus then told the crowd and the disciples to come closer, and he said:

If any of you want to be my followers, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross and follow me. If you want to save your life, you will destroy it. But if you give up your life for me and for the good news, you will save it. What will you gain, if you own the whole world but destroy yourself? What could you give to get back your soul?

Don’t be ashamed of me and my message among these unfaithful and sinful people! If you are, the Son of Man will be ashamed of you when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ***

The people sit

The Sermon

Leah Romanelli DeJesus

The people stand

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

“The Creeds are statements of our basic beliefs about God”. BCP 851

We say these words as a gathered community to affirm our belief in God as creator, redeemer, and sustainer of all creation, as the source of life and holiness. God has blessed humanity with relationships and community which are part of God’s own essence as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We do not say these words as some sort of litmus test but as an invitation to wrestle with the mystery and complexity of God with generations of Christians who have gone before us and with generations who will come after us.

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.***

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.

The Leader and People pray.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray especially for (... *the names on the long-term prayer list are read*).
The People may offer their own petitions, either silently or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

We pray especially for (...*the names of the recently deceased are read*).
The People may offer their own petitions, either silently or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Presider says

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.

The Confession of Sin

EOW 56

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

***God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.***

*We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.*

The Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People greet one another with a wave, bow, or appropriate gesture but keep social distance.

For those celebrating birthdays

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Offertory Music: The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be giv'n by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.*

The Offering of God's Tithes and Offerings

*The gifts of the people are offered at this time, including bread and wine.
The alms plates are not processed, and remain by the entrances.*

All stand

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 2

EOW 60

Presider The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Presider

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep

and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;

and yet, as a mother cares for her children,

you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us

to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus and Benedictus

W858

Presider and People

***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.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel and the Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

“Take, eat:

This is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. *AMEN*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

BCP 364

People and Presider

***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,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept

Fraction Anthem

W875

Refrain:

*Be known to us, Lord Jesus,
in the breaking of the bread.*

- 1. The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of Christ.*

Refrain

- 2. One body are we, alleluia,
for though many we share one bread.*

Refrain

The Invitation to Communion

BCP 364

Presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All people are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children of all ages are included in this invitation. Those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to receive a blessing from the priest. Simply cross your arms across your chest to indicate this.

The presider invites those not receiving the sacrament to make a spiritual communion, led by the reader.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

from the Prayer Book for the Armed Services

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymn: Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God H711
Tune: Seek Ye First

*I Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you,
Allelu, alleluia.*

Refrain:

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Allelu, alleluia.*

*2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you,
Allelu, alleluia.*

Refrain

*3 Where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I in their midst,
and whatsoever ye ask, I will do;
Allelu, alleluia.*

Refrain

Post Communion Hymn: Now the Silence H333
Tune: Now

*Now the silence
Now the peace
Now the empty hands uplifted*

Now the kneeling
Now the plea
Now the Fathers' arms in welcome
Now the hearing
Now the power
Now the vessel brimmed for pouring
Now the Body
Now the Blood
Now the joyful celebration
Now the wedding
Now the songs
Now the heart forgiven leaping
Now the Spirit's visitation
Now the Son's epiphany
Now the Father's blessing
Now
Now
Now

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Postcommunion Prayer *(said by all, standing)*

EOW 70

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

EOW 71

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *(source: from Saint Clare)*

*1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode;
on the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.*

*2 See! the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.*

Presider Let us pray.

Good and gracious God, we pray for all who have yet to know of your love and mercy. May the Church of the Ascension be so inspired by your Holy Spirit that it may serve as a beacon of hope and a witness to the gospel for all people. Grant that we may continually grow in our own knowledge and love of you as we strive to use all that we have and all that we are to follow and imitate your beloved son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: Recessional on Spanish Hymn

W. Lawrence Curry

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The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: Rev. Vincent Black

Preacher: Leah Romanelli DeJesus

Seminarian: Leah Romanelli DeJesus

Organist: Jon Peterson

Cantor: Margie Hildebrandt

Acolyte: Derek Lewallen

Chalice Bearers: Derek Lewallen and Leah Romanelli DeJesus

Spiritual Eucharist Reader: Keira Dodd

Readers: Keira Dodd and Leah Romanelli DeJesus

Ushers: Jeff Sommer and Jackson Clark

Video and live-streaming: Dave Campion

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The flowers on the altar are offered to the glory of God
and in honor of the wedding of
Michael Black and Michael Crowdes

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A General Thanksgiving

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.*

**Please keep these people in your prayers
today and all week long:**

Our Spiritual Leaders:

+Michael -our Presiding Bishop; +Mark -our Bishop;
+Bill, and +Arthur -our Assisting Bishops;
+Vincent -our Priest; Leah -our seminarian

Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Abbie & Ben Akuchewich
Marlene Ballard
Teddi Black
Eric Christiansen
Carol Culp
Susan Demko
Robert Dibb
Dollyn Doyle
Jerry Dudley
Johnnie Edward
Justin Edwards
Bill Fickinger
Dan Filer
Ella Jane Fowerbaugh
Linda Gardner
Martha Hartman
Pat Hendy
Amanda Hinton
Eric Jackson
Boots Johnston
Lisa Jones
Nicole Kindred
Barbara Kutza
Marilyn Little
Doris McQuiston

June Madden
Joyce Moore
Nancy Murphy
Bruce Oppenheimer
The participants in our
community meals
Scarlett Pierola
Tony Peterson
Darren Poppen
Greg Priddy
Jean Priddy
Gary Riggs
Lou Rogers
David Rozell
Rich Ruscin
Edda Schrank
Naomi Singer
Bill Smith
Melissa Paige Stanich
Wendie Stemple
Madeline Tammoney
Corky Thacker
Diane Welfley
Todd Witt
Paul Zivich

Those We Know in the Military

Jason Hildebrandt
McDowell (Mac) Jones
Sydney Kline

Jason Strater
Brendon

The Departed

Zak McCarney
Don Farrell
John E. Gallagher

Lakota Snow
Betty Weber

Information for live streamed worship.

The service is streamed live each Sunday at 10:30am on The Church of the Ascension Facebook page facebook.com/pg/ascensionlakewood/videos/, and at www.ascension-lakewood.org.

Blessing of the Animals

Blessing of the animals and pet memorial service Saturday, October 9th at 4pm in the West Garden. If you intend to have the remains of your pets spread in the holy circle, please contact Father Vincent by Sunday October 3rd. Memorial offerings may be made to support our garden fund. All live pets are to be caged or leashed. Stuffed animals welcome as well.

Learn About Our Beliefs

Interested in leaning more about the belief and practices of the Episcopal Church? Father Vincent will lead a class on Zoom on Monday evenings from 6:30-8 beginning on September 20th and ending on November 15th. Please call or email Jim in the office to register by Tuesday September 14th. The cost of the class is \$30.00. We will use two books, The book of Common Prayer and Walk in Love.

Shawl Ministry

The Shawl Ministry meets in Ascension Hall at 1:30 pm on the first and third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is this Wednesday, September 15th.

In the event the elevator is not working, we will meet at the home of Mary Staley:

The Meridian,
12250 Lake Ave, Apt. 310
Phone: (216) 214-3500

Monthly Family Outdoor Service

Because of the wonderful responses from our children and adults alike, we will have an outdoor family service (similar to what we had on Easter) once a month. It will be held on the fourth Sunday of the month at 9:30am. Our next Outdoor Family Service be held on September 26th. All are invited to attend.

Noonday prayer
Tuesdays at 12:12pm via conference call

On Tuesdays there will be a conference call enabling you to call in and join Father Vincent and other members of our Ascension community for:

- Noonday Prayer (10 minutes),
- A reflection from Forward Day by Day (5 minutes),
- Time for us to check-in with each other (20 minutes),
- Time to ask questions and exchange information (10 minutes),
- Prayer for the Church of the Ascension.

This will give everyone access to our priest and allow us to continue together in prayer and fellowship.

We will start prayer promptly at 12:12, and end just before 1pm.
Please do not call in before 12:05pm.

You can call in for all or part of the time.

Dial-in number: (425) 436-6300

Access code: 593523#

Use *6 to mute and un-mute yourself when trying to talk.

We will use the Book of Common Prayer pp. 103-107.

Pledges and offerings to the Church.

Please mail in your pledges/financial offerings so we can continue with the ministries of the church as well as meet our financial obligations.

or



Use your smart phone to scan the code above or visit theascensionshop.com where you can make a one-time donation or set up continuing contributions.

Please join us in helping to keep
The Church of the Ascension strong and able to
meet the needs of an ever-changing world.

Church of the Ascension Policies Concerning COVID-19 **Updated on September 2, 2021**

Chalice will be offered beginning June 13th.

No one should receive from the chalice if they are uncomfortable and/or unsafe to do so. We believe in the doctrine of concomitance which means one receives the full benefit of the sacrament whether they receive one or both forms of bread and wine.

We will continue to stand for communion until further notice.

Outdoor Holy Eucharist will continue at 8am through September 26th.

Outdoor Family Service will continue on the 4th Sunday of each month through September 26th.

Masks and social distancing are encouraged but not required inside the building for those fully vaccinated. Anyone unvaccinated is expected to wear a mask.

We will continue to offer the peace without moving from our places through a bow or gesture rather than through a hug or handshake allowing people to maintain their personal space.

Everyone is expected to continue washing hands thoroughly as well as sanitizing all chairs, handles, switches, and surfaces.

We will sanitize the building by fumigation monthly rather than weekly beginning in July.

Hospitality on Sundays and community meals will continue to be held outside through the end of September. Community meal organizers can then decide what is best for their respective meal beginning in October. Safety policies and cleaning practices will be strictly followed.

Groups will not serve coffee and other refreshments inside until further notice.

Singing will continue to be pre-recorded until the choir resumes leading singing in worship. All participants are encouraged to sing along with both pre-recorded and live singing. Hymnals and Prayer books will be returned to the pews after the plaster work in the church is completed.

Car Show

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Saturday, October 16th

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