

# A SERVICE FOR EARLY MORNING

## ASCENSION SUNDAY

MOTHER'S DAY

May 12, 2024

(8:30 a.m.)



PRELUDE "Where There's Love at Home" J.A. McNaughton  
Annetta Sekula, Organist

### A FEW BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Beloved, we are gathered together*

*to praise the God of transforming love.*

*From the ends of the earth, we remember and turn to God.*

*As the family of God, we reach out and invite all*

*to join us on our journey.*

*Hand in hand, and heart to heart, we have come to worship God,*

*and to proclaim our faith to all the world.*

\*SING TOGETHER #89 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

#### PRAYERS OF JOY, PRAYERS OF NEED

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

#### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

*Acts 1:1-11*

#### MESSAGE FOR TODAY

*"Christ Everywhere!"*

#### PRAYER

*Rev. Timothy Haut*

#### \*HYMN

#189 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

#### BENEDICTION



*Thank you for coming this morning! May this day be for all of us a time to taste heaven's joy!*

*You are invited to place your weekly offerings in the plate as you exit the church. Please join us for coffee and conversation in Fellowship Hall following the service*

### MORNING ASCENSION

The world is green and wet  
as morning unfolds upon us,  
and we stand expectant  
between meadow and sky.  
Under our feet  
the strong, clovered grass  
pushes us upward,  
raise us toward the brilliant sun,  
as if we were made of light  
to be drawn to light.  
All, all of this sweet world  
sings,  
and in the gilded sky  
a host of joyous birds soars  
toward the rim of time and space  
where, ascending in their midst,  
Christ himself surmounts the world.  
We squint, heads tilted,  
to catch a parting glimpse,  
to hear just one more holy word  
that will set the world aright,  
then turn to find  
a footprint in the dirt,  
and a crimson blossom  
setting the hedge afire.



*--Timothy Haut*

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
DEEP RIVER, CONNECTICUT  
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INTROIT "What a Mighty God We Serve"  
GATHERING WORDS Alison Karam, Lay Reader

\*HYMN #89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

\*HYMN #102 Now Thank We All Our God

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 47 (See Next Page)

\*RESPONSE Gloria Patri  
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.

THE JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH  
PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE  
THE LORD'S PRAYER (together)

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.

\*RESPONSE Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

ANTHEM "Lord, Send Me" Morley R. Halsmith

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD  
FROM THE EPISTLES Ephesians 1:15-23 (p. 1064)  
FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS Acts 1:1-11 (p. 991)

SERMON "Christ Everywhere!" Rev. Timothy Haut

\*HYMN #189 Fairest Lord Jesus

BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless us and keep us.  
May the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us.  
May the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us,  
and grant us all his peace, today, tomorrow and forever.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

RESPONSE "Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace" Whelpton

POSTLUDE "Allegro" A. J. Monar

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**Today**

The flowers are given by Frank & Karen Vradenburgh in honor of all mothers.

Our Ushers are Bruce & Susan Lighty.

You are invited to enjoy coffee and fellowship following both services!

Thank you to Luther Moen for live streaming the service this morning.

**Deacons on Duty for May, 2024**

Stu Palmer is Deacon on Call, Jane Syme is Sanctuary Rep., and Art Robbins is arranging for Lay Readers and Flowers.

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Thank you for coming this morning! May the shining light of Christ and the blessing of this Spring Day bring you joy! You are invited to place your weekly offerings in the plate as you exit the church.



**RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 47**

*Clap your hands, all you peoples;*

**Shout to God with loud songs of joy.**

*For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,  
a great king over all the earth.*

**He subdued peoples under us and nations under our feet.**

*He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.*

**God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

*Sing praises to God, sing praises;*

**Sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

*For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.*

**God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**

*The princes of the peoples gather  
as the people of the God of Abraham.*

**For the shields of the earth belong to God;  
who is highly exalted.**