

Edgcombe Presbyterian Church

Ascension of the Lord/May 12, 2024

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Moment of Centering

Opening Hymn #246

Christ is Alive!

Community Reflections

Hymn #306 *Blest Be the Tie that Binds* (1, 3-4)

Scripture Luke 24:44-53

44 Jesus said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. 46 He said to them, “This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 Look, I’m sending to you what my Father promised, but you are to stay in the city until you have been furnished with heavenly power.”

50 He led them out as far as Bethany, where he lifted his hands and blessed them. 51 As he blessed them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. 52 They worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem overwhelmed with joy. 53 And they were continuously in the temple praising God.

For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD!

Reflection

Offering Hymn #673 *Jesus, Light of Joy*

Scripture Reading John 17:10-19

(Jesus prays) ...10 Everything that is mine is yours and everything that is yours is mine; I



have been glorified in them. 11 I’m no longer in the world, but they are in the world, even as I’m coming to you. Holy Father, watch over them in your name, the name you gave me, that they will be one just as we are one. 12 When I was with them, I watched over them in your name, the name you gave to me, and I kept them safe... 13 Now I’m coming to you and I say these things while I’m in the world so that they can share completely in my joy. 14 I gave your word to them and the world hated them, because they don’t belong to this world, just as I don’t belong to this world. 15 I’m not asking that you take them out of this world but that you keep them safe from the evil one. 16 They don’t belong to this world, just as I don’t belong to this world. 17 Make them holy in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 I made myself holy on their behalf so that they also would be made holy in the truth.

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For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD!

Reflection

Anthem *This Little Light of Mine*

Prayers of the People

*Our Mother-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.
Forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Sending Hymn #679 *Let the Whole Creation Cry*

Benediction and Postlude

Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Love of the Living Christ be with you! ♥

All: And also with you!

Welcome to worship at Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church!!

We are thrilled to have you join us today!

If you are visiting, or if your information has changed, we would be grateful if you would fill out a "Visitor Card" and place it in the offering plate (if in person) or leave your contact information in the chat (if visiting by Zoom) so that we can extend our welcome beyond this gathering! ❤️

#246 CHRIST IS ALIVE!

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

3. In every insult, rift and war,
where color, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

4. Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

#306 *Blest Be the Tie that Binds* (1, 3-4)

1 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

3 We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

4 When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

#673 *Jesus, Light Of Joy*

1 Jesus, light of joy, surround us; let your
splendid glory shine: source of every earthly
blessing, heaven's everlasting sign. Alleluia,
alleluia, we adore you, light divine.

2 Now the shadows fall around us; now the
evening has begun: still your gracious light is
with us, brighter than the morning sun.
Alleluia, Alleluia, God of glory, three in one.

3 With the saints we lift our voices, God of
power, God of might. All creation shines with
glory, singing praises day and night; alleluia,
alleluia, holy, holy, holy light.

#679 *Let the Whole Creation Cry*

1 Let the whole creation cry,
"Glory to the Lord on high"
Heaven and earth, awake and sing,
"Praise to our almighty King."
Praise God, angel hosts above,
Ever bright and fair in love;
Sun and moon, uplift up your voice;
Night and stars, in God rejoice!

2 Men and women, young and old,
Raise the anthem loud and bold;
Join with children's songs of praise
Worship God through length of days.
From the north to southern pole
Let the mighty chorus roll:
"Holy, holy,
holy One,
Glory be to
God alone!"

