



Ascension Sunday

May 12, 2024 at 9:30am (EDT)

Kasey Garvelink, Deacon
Martha Ruit, Elder
North Hills Ensemble
David Baker, Liturgist
The Rev. Dr. Randall Engle, Preaching Minister
Amy Kesler, Oboe
Mary Baker, Organist
Willie Yuhas, Technicians
Rob Bowles, Usher

String Quintet:
Sita Yetasook & Phoebe Gelzer-Govatos, Violins
Janine Bradbury, Viola
Chaewon Helge, Cello
Gregg Powell, Bass Violin

Please sign and pass the blue Friendship Register at the end of your pew.

We Enter God's Presence

Gathering Music concluded with *Hymne* Vangelis

*Our Call to Worship:

One: Sing a new song to the Lord
who has worked wonders,
whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.
All: **The Lord has made known salvation;
He has shown justice to the nations;
He has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.**
One: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
All: **Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing out your joy.**
One: Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.
All: **With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.**

***Our Opening Psalm:** *Jesus Shall Reign* (Psalm 72) Hymnal 219

***God's Greeting**

***Mutual Greetings**

***A Song of Praise:** *Jesus Is Lord* Hymnal 226

We Celebrate God's Grace

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of God's Pardon

The Response: *You Do Not Walk Alone*..... Elaine Hagenberg

May you see God's light on the path ahead
When the road you walk is dark
May you always hear, even in your hour of sorrow
The gentle singing of the lark
When times are hard may hardness never turn your heart to stone
May you always remember when the shadows fall
You do not walk alone

-Traditional Irish Blessing

Our Morning Prayers

The prayer is concluded with everyone praying 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 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.**

We Hear God's Word

The Scripture Lesson: John 14:1-14 *The Bible*, p. 1675

One: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

In My Father's house are many dwellings
And if I go to prepare a place for you
I will come back again and take you to myself
So that where I am you also may be

Do not let your hearts be troubled
You have faith in God
Have faith also in Me
In My Father's house are many dwelling places

If there were not, would I have told you
I am going to prepare a place for you?

Where I am going, you know the way
For I am The Way, The Truth, and The Life
No one comes to the Father except through Me
If you know Me, you also know My Father

My Spirit will be with you always
The Advocate, the Spirit of Truth
Will remind you of all I have said

Peace I leave with you
My peace I give to you
Do not let your hearts be troubled
Do not be afraid
I have told you I will come back to you
Have faith in Me

~John 14, selected



The Sermon:

Mansions

The Sermon Prayer

We Respond

Our Morning Offerings are Received

***God's Blessing**

***Our Closing Hymn:** *Rejoice, the Lord is King* Hymnal 224

***The Organ Postlude**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for fellowship and refreshments.

About our worship setting for Ascension Sunday: On Ascension Sunday, the church celebrates that Christ *ascended on the clouds into heaven* (Acts 1). To mark the event, the Sanctuary's front wall is graced with a very large (4' x 11') skyscape by Chris Stoffel Overvoorde entitled *Clouds Over Michigan*, functioning as a sort of window that opens to us a view of God's magnificent creation. In his artist statement, Overvoorde explains his preoccupation with skylscapes: *I paint clouds because they cause people to look up.* Further, the predominate colors of blue and green are symbolic covenant colors: blue is the color of the water of baptism, and green is the color of growth and new life. The pulpit paraments are meant only to be accents highlighting the clouds of the painting; the mottled blue background and green crosses were designed by Paul Andriese and fabricated by Jean Engle, Pastor Engle's mother.

North Hills Christian Reformed Church

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Jesus Shall Reign

PSALM 72

D G D E A D

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners

G D Em D A D A D

ces - sive jour - neys run, his king - dom stretch from
thron - g to crown his head. His name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -

G Em A D G D Em D/A A7 D

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.

5 Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

For other settings of Ps. 72 see 109, 953

Words: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt., P.D.

Music (DUKE STREET 8.8.8.8): John Hatton, (1710-1793), 1793, P.D.

Jesus Is Lord

B^b/C *F* *F/A* *B^b* *B^b/A*

1 Je - sus is Lord! Be - hold, the King of kings, ex - al - ted
 2 (This is my) God. Be - hold his hands and side, the wounds of
 3 (For me, to) live is Christ, to die is gain, for Christ has
 4 (Yes, sud - den) - ly, my God shall come a - gain. And ev - ery

Gm7 *Gm/F* *C/E* *C*

high, the name a - bove all names. I sing his
 love that healed my bro - ken - ness. What God is
 died that I might gain his life. He is my
 knee shall bow be - fore his name. And he shall

F *Am* *Dm7* *Dm7/C* *B^b*

praise, the Lamb u - pon the throne, who reigns in glo - ry,
 this? What kind of sac - ri - fice would give so much to
 all, my joy, my right - eous - ness, my hope of glo - ry
 reign for - ev - er on the throne. And in his glo - ry

Gm7 *1, 2, 3* *C* *B^b/C* *4* *Csus* *C*

power, and ma - jes - ty. 2 This is my
 gain a love - less soul? 3 For me, to
 when he comes to reign. 4 Yes, sud - den -
 there I shall pro - claim: "Je - sus is

Dm Dm7/C B \flat B \flat /A Gm7 Csus C F

Lord! Je - sus is Lord! Je-sus is Lord! Je-sus is Lord!"

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Je-sus is Lord!". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for guitar and a bass clef staff for piano accompaniment. The guitar part features a series of chords: Dm, Dm7/C, B \flat , B \flat /A, Gm7, Csus, C, and F. The piano part provides a simple accompaniment with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the guitar staff: "Lord! Je - sus is Lord! Je-sus is Lord! Je-sus is Lord!".

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Descant

4 Re - jice in glo - rious hope; for Christ, the Judge, shall come to
C G Am F Dm G

1 Re - jice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore. Re -
2 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the
3 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit, bow
4 Re - jice in glo - rious hope; for Christ, the Judge, shall come to

gath - er all his saints to their e - ter - nal home. We soon shall
C Am D G D7 G F G7/D

joice, give thanks and sing and tri - umph ev - er - more. Lift up your
keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given. Lift up your
down at his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet. Lift up your
gath - er all his saints to their e - ter - nal home. We soon shall

hear the arch - an - gel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, re - jice!
Am G F C G7 C

heart, lift up your voice. Re - jice, a - gain I say, re - jice!
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Words: Charles Wesley, 1744, alt., P.D.

Music (DARWALL'S 148th 6.6.6.6.8.8): John Darwall, 1770; desc. Sydney H. Nicholson (1875-1947), P.D.