

**Sunday May 24, 2020**  
**Order of Worship at Tibbetts UMC**

**CENTERING MUSIC**

“Glorious Ascension”  
*Peterson*

John Van Lierop Jr.,  
organ

**WELCOME**

Wiener Family

**OPENING PRAYER**

Wiener Family

You are God of all our possibilities.  
You preside over all our comings and goings,  
all our wealth and all our poverty,  
all our sickness and all our health,  
all our despair and all our hope,  
all our living and all our dying.  
And we are grateful.

You are God of all of our impossibilities.  
You have presided over the healings of our mothers and fathers;  
you have presided over the wondrous transformations in our own lives,  
you have and will preside over those parts of our lives that we imagine to be  
closed.  
And we are grateful.

So be your true self, enacting the things impossible for us,  
that we may yet witness your will for peace, your vision for justice.  
Before the end of this day, do newness among us in the very places where  
we are tired in fear, we are exhausted in guilt, we are spent in anxiety.

Make all things new, we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*Adapted from Walter Brueggemann, Prayers for a Privileged People*

**SONG OF PRAISE** Red #89 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Shirley Lindberg, piano      Zach Martin, vocals

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

#### **TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Pastor Sarah

#### **GOSPEL READING**

John 17:1-11

Andrew Ash

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

<sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

<sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am

coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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.**

## **SERMON**

Sonya Davis, Chaplain  
To be commissioned as Deacon in UMC 2020

**PRAYER SONG** Black #2216 “When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise”  
Shirley Lindberg, piano Zach Martin, vocals

1. When we are called to sing your praise with hearts so filled with pain  
That we would rather sit and weep or stand up to complain,  
Remind us, God, you understand the burdens that we bear;  
You, too, have walked the shadowed way and known our deep despair.
2. When we are called to sing your praise and cannot find our voice,  
Because our losses leaves us now no reason to rejoice.  
Remind us, God, that you accept our sad laments in prayer;  
You, too, have walked the shadowed way and known our deep despair.
3. When we are called to sing your praise and life ahead looks grim,  
Still give us faith and hope enough to break forth in a hymn,  
A thankful hymn, great God of Love, that you are everywhere;  
You walk the shadowed way with us and keep us in your care.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER**

Pastor Sarah

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**SONG** Green #3087 “O Christ, When You Ascended”  
Shirley Lindberg, piano Zach Martin, vocals

1. O Christ, when you ascended, you took your rightful throne;  
Your time on earth had ended — yet we weren't left alone.

You reign o'er earth and heaven; your Spirit guides our way.  
Your prayers uphold your people; you lead your church each day.

2. We look at earthly rulers and see what they command:  
We note their years of power, the borders of their land.  
Yet, Lord, you are not bounded by things like time and space;  
Your reign is never-ending, you rule in every place.

3. We're tempted. Lord, to leave you in stories nicely told;  
Sometimes we don't believe you and say your ways are old.  
Sometimes we feel so lonely and live in doubt and fear —  
But your ascension means, Lord, you're present with us here.

4. It's often quite a challenge to follow in your Way;  
We're easily distracted! It's hard, Lord, to obey.  
Sometimes we give you Sundays — an hour, maybe two —  
But your ascension means, Lord, all life belongs to you.

5. One day, O Lord, we'll know you, as we are fully known;  
One day this world of sinners will bow before your throne.  
One day, God's whole creation will sing and praise your name;  
On earth as now in heaven, we'll celebrate your reign.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING PRAYER**

Andrew Ash

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## **POSTLUDE**

“Thine Be The Glory”  
*Miller*

John Van Lierop Jr.,  
organ

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