

# Worship AT HOME



BETHEL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday, May 16, 2021

## Prelude: "Behold Our God"

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship

Today we celebrate Christ's ascension.

His ascension is a guarantee of our own bodily ascension and an invitation to "set our hearts and minds on things that are above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God".

"Worthy is the lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise! Then every creature in heaven and on earth and on the sea, and all that is in them sang:

'To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour and glory and power for ever and ever!'" Rev. 5: 12,13

## Song: "Salvation Belongs to Our God"

## God's Greeting

## Prayer of Adoration:

O God of all power and majesty, you created the heavens and stretched them out. You formed the earth and all that comes from it. You give the breath of life to all who walk on the face of the earth. Jesus, you conquered sin and death and now reign victorious. You are Lord; glory is due your name. The former things have come to pass; we now await the new things you will bring through the Holy Spirit. We rejoice to be gathered in Your name. Alleluia! Accept our praises and petitions. Amen.

## Song: "Good and Gracious King"

## Time of confession and assurance:

In Romans 3 we read:

"There's nobody living right, not even one, Nobody who knows the score, nobody alert for God. They've all taken the wrong turn; they've all wandered down dark alleys. No one's living right; I can't find a single one."

and later in the chapter:

"God has Jesus on the altar of the world to clear that world of sin. Having faith in Him sets us in the clear. God decided on this course of action in full view of the public to set the world in the clear with Himself through the sacrifice of Jesus, finally taking care of the sins he had so patiently endured. God sets things right. He also makes it possible for us to live in His rightness.

The words of an old hymn echo through the years:

"Upon that cross of Jesus, Mine eye at times can see The very dying form of One who suffered there for me. And from my smitten heart with tears two wonders, I confess: the wonders of His glorious love And my unworthiness."

## Song: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

## Children's Blessing: [Children's Video](#)

## Offering: *Bethel Budget & Outreach*

## Prayer for Illumination

*Hearing God's Word*

Scripture:

Acts 1:1-11

Message:

"Why Does the Ascension Matter"

## Communion

Song: "There is a Redeemer"

## Prayers of God's People

### Parting Blessing

#### Doxology:

"O the depths of the riches of wisdom  
and knowledge of God.

How unsearchable His judgements  
and His paths beyond tracing out!

Who has known the mind of the Lord?

Or who has been His counsellor?

Who ever given to God

that God should repay them?

For from Him and through Him and for Him  
are all things.

To Him be the glory forever! Amen!

#### Doxology: "Behold Our God"

### *Online Update*

We will be livestreaming from our Facebook page via this  
link:

[Direct link to the service](#)

You can also watch it later thru Vimeo,  
through our [website](#), or on  
[RightNow Media](#)