



September 14, 2025 | Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:30 A.M. ASCENSION WORSHIP

Grace and Peace, friends. We are so glad to share this time of worship with you. May you find yourself in the hope-filled presence of God. We invite you to share your attendance, your prayer concerns, and any steps you are taking in faith by filling out the Connect Card or by scanning the QR code card. Both are found in the card holder on the back of the pews. Finally, we love children here. If a nursery is helpful, ask one of our greeters or ushers for assistance.

***People standing, as able.**

Prelude Tuba Tune in D Major C.S. Lang
Guest Organist, Robbie Belk

The Life of the Church Jay Jackson

Please register your attendance at this time and check in on Facebook!

Greeting
 Pastor: The grace of our Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: Come, all who need help!

People: Our help comes from God, the one who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: Come, all who desire blessing!

People: Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham.

Pastor: Come, all who long for salvation!

People: Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ,

All: the one sent by God to save the world. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise	O Worship the King	UMH 73
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Offertory Prayer Jay Jackson

You can also text your offering to 903-417-0707, and through the Church App, or Paypal

Offertory	Christians, We Have Meet to Worship	Lloyd Larson
	Cornerstone Ensemble	

Christians, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God. Will you pray with all your power as we seek the living Word? All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down; Christians, pray, and God's great blessing will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too. Let us love and pray for others till our God makes all things new. When God calls us home to heaven, at the table we sit down; There our loving Lord will serve us with great blessings all around.

O worship the king, all glorious above; and gratefully sing God's wonderful love. Christians, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God!

***Doxology**
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. Amen.

***Morning Prayer** Jay Jackson

God of the ages, we come into this holy space asking for your blessing, only to find that the abundance of your love is already around us. Open our eyes to see the blessing of your creation in the beauty all around us. Open our ears to hear the blessing of your word as it is proclaimed in story and song this day. Open our hearts to experience the blessing of faith through the gentle touch of a friend for the supportive smile of a stranger. And open our doors, that we may become vessels of your blessing to a world still in need of salvation. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn of Meditation	Trust and Obey	UMH 467
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Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Jay Jackson

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, forever. Amen.

Two Readings from the Scriptures

Genesis 12:1-3	Page 9 O.T.
Matthew 1:17-25	Page 1 N.T.

Lay Reader: Tiffany Denko

Lay Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Making Connections” Jay Jackson

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***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.

***Invitation** Jay Jackson

***Hymn of Invitation** Open My Eyes, That I May See UMH 454

***Sending Forth** Jay Jackson

*Postlude	Festive Postlude	Paul Fey
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An American Tribute...Celebrating 250 Years
Sunday, September 21 | 3:00 p.m. | Sanctuary
Join us for an afternoon of great American music performed on
TWO PIANOS!

**David
Berryhill**

**Sandy
Siler**

Admission to this Concert is FREE!