

**Order of Worship**  
**May 28, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**Seventh Sunday after Easter**

Welcome & Announcements

Introit – “Alleluia” verses 1, 2, and 5

**PRAISE AND ADORATION**

Call to Worship: (responsively) (based on Psalm 68:3-4, 19 & 35)

Leader: Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

**People: Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds — his name is the LORD — be exultant before him.**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up. Blessed be the God of our salvation.

**People: Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God who chose us; he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be our God!**

\*Hymn: “Rejoice the Lord Is King” # 155

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

**We gaze up at the sky looking for you, O God. We wonder where you have gone, while you are all around us in the loving touch of family and friends. Forgive us, Lord, for not recognizing you in our daily lives. Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of trust in your presence and care. When our hearts are hardened by fears, melt them with your eternal hope and peace; when our lips can only speak hatred and pride, teach us songs of mercy and humility; when our minds are filled with confusion and doubt, remind us by your Spirit that we are yours. Have mercy on us, Loving God. This we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

Confession Response: **“Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.”** # 574

Assurance of Pardon

Greeting One Another

\*Response “Gloria Patri” # 579

**HEARING THE WORD**

Let the Children Come

Choral Music

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:3-11

Sermon: “Active Witnesses”

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn: “Jesus Shall Reign Where’re the Sun” # 423

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

\*Doxology # 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ 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. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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.**

\*Hymn: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” # 151

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Benediction Response: “Alleluia” verses 3 and 4