

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell

A TIME OF PRAYER
 Choral Call to Prayer Lord, Be Glorified TFWS #2150
 Prayer/Lord's Prayer
 Choral Response Lord, Be Glorified TFWS #2150

CHORAL ANTHEM God Will Make A Way Don Moen

SCRIPTURE Acts 1:1-11
 Luke 2:44-53

HYMN (please remain seated) Glorify Thy Name TFWS #2016

SERMON RISEN TO BLESS Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING
 Call to Stewardship and Mission
 Offertory Knowing You Graham Hendrick/arr. Mark Hayes
 Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Hymnal, No. 94
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God, the Source of all our gifts!
 Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*CLOSING HYMN Jesus Shall Reign No. 157

*BENEDICTION

Lift up your eyes to the heavens.
Christ ascended to show us the way.
 Trust in the power of the Spirit.
Christ ascended to clothe us with power.
 Go as witnesses of the risen Lord.
Christ ascended to bring us eternal life.

*RESPONSE All Hail King Jesus TFWS #2069
*All hail King Jesus! All hail Emmanuel,
 King of kings, Lord of lords, bright Morning Star.
 And throughout eternity, I'll sing your praises,
 and I'll reign with you throughout eternity.*

POSTLUDE Hail, Blessed Trinity Roger C. Wilson

*Please stand as able.

Today's Scripture

Acts 1:1-1

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand

looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.

Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Today's Liturgist: Nancy St. Laurent

ALL CHURCH SUNDAY HOSPITALITY TIME IS LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

ATTENDANCE						STEWARDSHIP
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN- PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
04/23	30	103	133	47	180	\$1,412
04/30	32	63	95	59	154	\$3,848
05/07	33	48	81	24	105	\$7,635
05/14	34	57	91	17	108	\$9,229
Weekly offering needed: \$6,160						
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE: YTD Needed: \$283,360 YTD Received: \$266,062 <i>Treasurer is worried, please give generously!</i>						

HOSPITALITY TIME

Today's Hosts:

Christian Education,
 Worship,
 Membership Care

Next Sunday
 May 28
 hosted by

All Church



Announcement: Please note that the 9:00 AM Senior Exercise groups are not meeting during the month of May. This is only temporary!

Abbreviation Legend

CH--Criswell Hall S--Sanctuary
K--Kitchen L--Library Room #123
MMR--McMillen Room #113
PS--Pastor's Study HR--Handbell Rm #115

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Mon May 22 6:00 PM Quilt Class—CH.
Tue May 23 10:00 AM Sew n Sews—MMR, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga--CH,
1:00 PM Tuesday Bible Study--CH, 5:00 PM Bell Practice--HR.
Wed May 24 9:00 AM Church Work Day
Thu May 25 5:00 PM Bell Practice--HR, 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal--S.
Sun May 27 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service .
Sun May 27 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service.

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To Join Us
At Our
Church**



Sun June 4 Peace with Justice Sunday



Peace With Justice Sunday is one of the special Sundays of The United Methodist Church. Each year on this special Sunday, United Methodists across the globe give offerings to promote peace all over the world. A special offering will be taken here on June 4.

Sun June 18 UMM Annual Bar-B-Q Father's Day
Sunday June 18th 11:30 AM
Eat In or Take To Go
Tri-Tip, Chicken or Combo
Dinner
Tickets \$15 each on sale beginning May 28



Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo Night



Sat July 15 Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo

A FUN FUNDRISER!

Coming to you from UWF!



First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

275 N. Halcyon Road, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

May 21, 2023

10:30 AM

Seventh Sunday of Easter
ASCENSION OF THE LORD

“Christ was taken up into heaven, not to enjoy blessed rest at a distance from us, but to govern the world for the salvation of all believers.”

---John Calvin

PRELUDE *Heavenly Sunlight* George Cook/arr. Mark Hayes
INTROIT *He is Exalted* TFWS #2070

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Clap your hands, people of God.
Shout to God with cries of joy.
Sing your praises, people of God.
Sing praises to our king.
Look to the heavens, people of God.
See the power of the Most High God.

*OPENING HYMN *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* No. 312

WELCOME

HANDBELL CHOIR *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* arr. Charles Maggs

OPENING PRAYER

Most High God, as Christ ascended into the heavens, may our hearts ascend to you.
Open our eyes to the power of your Spirit, that we may move beyond the ways of this world.
Open our lives to the fullness of your power, that we may be clothed with power from on high.
Help us wait patiently for the baptism of your Spirit, that we may be found worthy of your great gifts. Amen.

HANDBELL CHOIR *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* arr. Tyleen Stults