

Sing Alleluia to the Lord

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Ascension Sunday

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We celebrate the Lord's Supper weekly—and in a circle, at the end of worship. A word of direction is given, and with this everyone stands and moves to the walls. The cup is passed in two forms: in a chalice and then in small individual cups. You are free to choose.

And as this is the Supper of the Lord Christ, please listen to the instructions we give as to what qualifies a visitor to participate. **But whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle.**

Credits:

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"I will rescue my flock," says the Lord God; "they shall no longer be a prey.And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant, David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken."

Ezekiel 34: 22-24

Old Orchard Church

May 16, 2010 — 10:15 to 11:45 a.m.

Celebrating Jesus: Lord of all Authority and Power

Blessing them,
He ascended into heaven.
Gone, but not gone.
Ascended, but still with us.
Alive among us
Among us
Us!
No longer sad at his leaving,
we wait in joy and wonder
for the Spirit.
Blessed,
we wait to do his bidding,
to go out to all the world
to tell the Good News
that God loves us so much
He chose to live among us.
Lo, He is with us always
even unto the end of the world...

Ascended Lord, ever Emmanuel!

—Ann Weems, 1991



Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 47

New Testament Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

Today's Sermon

“Concrete Hearts and Unearthly Powers: ‘Because of Righteousness’”

(Part 2)

Romans 7 & 8

Ron Lutjens, senior pastor, preaching

Reigning With Jesus

Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. (Romans 8:17)

The boundless realms of His Father’s universe are Christ’s by prescriptive right. As “heir of all things,” He is the sole proprietor of the vast creation of God, and He has admitted us to claim the whole as ours, by virtue of that deed of joint-heirship which the Lord has ratified with His chosen people. The golden streets of paradise, the pearly gates, the river of life, the transcendent bliss, and the unutterable glory, are, by our blessed Lord, made over to us for our everlasting possession. All that He has He shares with His people. The crown royal He has placed upon the head of His Church, appointing her a kingdom, and calling her a royal priesthood, a generation of priests and kings. He uncrowned Himself that we might have a coronation of glory; He would not sit upon his own throne until he had procured a place upon it for all who overcome by His blood. Crown the head and the whole body shares the honor. Behold here the reward of every Christian conqueror! Christ’s throne, crown, sceptre, palace, treasure, robes, heritage, are yours. Far superior to the jealousy, selfishness, and greed, which admit of no participation of their advantages, Christ deems His happiness completed by his people sharing it. **“I have given them the glory that you gave me.”** (John 17:22) **“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”** (John 15:11) The smiles of His Father are all the sweeter to Him, because His people share them. The honors of His kingdom are more pleasing, because His people appear with Him in glory. More valuable to Him are His conquests, since they have taught His people to overcome. He delights in His throne, because on it there is a place for them. He rejoices in His royal robes, since over them His skirts are spread. He delights the more in His joy, because He calls them to enter into it.

—Morning and Evening Devotions, Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892)

