

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

7th Sunday of Easter

May 28, 2017

Ascension of the Lord

10:30 a.m.

* Stand if you are able

Bold: Said by all

Musical Prelude:

CALLED TO WORSHIP

* Entry of the Word

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship (responsive):

(projected)

Leader: God calls us to worship this morning with these words: Behold, what manner of love the Father has given unto us, that we should be called God's children! That indeed is what we are.

Congregation: This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.

Leader: He made himself nothing, by taking the very nature of a servant... If you have any encouragement from being united with this Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then be like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but to the interests of others.

Men: Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions. It is by grace that we have been saved.

Ladies: And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

Leader: For it IS by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

Congregation: For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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MINISTER: Rev. Mikal Schomburg

ORGANIST: Mr. Ian Madge

Opening Prayer:

* Hymn of Praise: *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* (N.B.P. #371)

(vv. 1, 2 & 3 – children Grade 9 and under come down during verse 3)

Children's Story:

*Children's Hymn: *"This is My Commandment"* (N.B.P. #694)

(children Grade 9 and under leave for Sunday School)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

The Ways of Love – from 1 Corinthians 13



The Power of Love – from Galatians 5
The Reason to Love – from John 15
The Opportunity to Love – from Luke 10

Choir Anthem: *“Lord, Whose Love”* (N.B.P. #722)

SERMON: “WHAT I DO HAVE I GIVE YOU” – ADELE HAVERKAMP
(based on Acts 3:6-10, Ephesians 1:22b-23)

Silent Reflection

OUR RESPONSE

* Hymn of Response: *“In Loving Partnership”* (N.B.P. #759)
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings, Offertory
* Doxology (N.B.P. #79)
Prayer of Dedication
Introduction of Church Out Serving
Closing Prayer
Lord’s Prayer (projected)

SENDING

* Parting Hymn: *“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”* (N.B.P. #740)
* Benediction:
* *“Go Now In Peace”*
* Exit of the Word Musical Postlude