

Second Baptist Church, Suffield

May 24, 2020 – 10:00 am

Ascension Sunday

Memorial Day

Welcome

Prelude

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Dykes

Jean Aldrich Jones, Organist

Responsive Call to Worship

Today is Ascension Sunday. We celebrate Christ’s return to God,
where he lives with God and through us.

In wonder and awe, let us seek Jesus with praise and thanksgiving.

We might be tempted to stay and watch the heavens for Jesus. But, this is not a time to
gaze upward. We have work to do.

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Jesus has entrusted us with the ministry of God’s love to all. Let’s get to work!

Make our hearts ready for the task ahead with prayer and praise!

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Song

“God of the Ages”

God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

Lord’s Prayer

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 **debts**, as we forgive our **debtors**. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture

Acts 1:6 -11

Maddie Eckley

Reflection

Rev. Tom Carr

Hymn: **“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”** Rick Founds

Lord I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high!

A Time for the Children Sue Schneller

Scripture Psalm 47: 1-2, 5-8 Libby O'Hara

Anthem **“Never Alone”** Lady Antebellum
Lorri Cetto & Evelyne Battle, duet

Scripture John 17:1-11

Reflection Rev. Dr. Rachael Lawrence

Prayers of the People

Response: **“Lord, hear our prayer.”**

Song **“Blessed Assurance”**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. Refrain.

Pastoral Blessing

Postlude **“America, The Beautiful”** Ward, arr. Thygerson
Jean Aldrich-Jones, organist