

First Presbyterian Church

Huntsville, Tennessee

Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Ascension of the Lord

May 13, 2018 11:00 A.M.

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: Christ, this morning we come to celebrate you, to know you better.

People: To once again be encouraged to fan into flame our God-given gifts.

Leader: To learn what it means to be your people, free from the spirit of timidity.

People: But instead refreshed with the spirit of power, love, and self-control.

Leader: Lord, we thank you for the legacy of faith handed down, generation to generation.

People: In the name of the One who loved us first, Amen.

*Hymn 464 *Morning Has Broken*

*A Mother's Day Litany

Leader: O God, thank you for parents who nurture us in love.

People: Thank you for those who have been parents to us and those who have assumed parenting roles for us.

Leader: Thank you for your love made tangible in Jesus Christ.

People: Let the love of Christ permeate all our relationships.

Leader: Help us, in our relationships, to know what to grant and what to deny.

People: When to say yes, and when to say no.

Leader: When to intervene, and when to stand clear.

People: Help us, in our love, to be childlike in wonder and trust.

Leader: O God, comfort those who find the celebration of Mother's Day painful.

People: Because of abuse, grief, or neglect.

Leader: By the power of the Holy Spirit, help us find fresh strength to pick up the pieces, and go on living.

People: Conscious that your love will never let us go.

Leader: Enable us, by your counsel, to choose our words carefully.

People: Remembering that the person we are talking to is more important than any issue at hand.

Leader: Where relational repairs are necessary,
People: Grant us sufficient humility to make them.

Leader: Thank you for the reminder that your grace is sufficient for us.

People: And that your strength is made perfect in weakness.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

People: Amen.

Concerns of the Congregation

Message to the Children

*Hymn 275 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

Scripture Reading: 2nd Timothy 1:3-7

Sermon: "The Legacy of Mom!"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed

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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 Ghost,
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 Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology (Hymn 544)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 78 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude