

**First Presbyterian Church**

Huntsville, Tennessee

Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Ascension of the Lord

May 28, 2017 11:00 A.M.

Prelude

\*Call to Worship (from Psalm 47)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: All peoples, clap your hands,

**People: Shout your joy to God!**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: Alleluia! He is risen indeed!**

\*Hymn 210 *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus*

\*Prayer of the Day (said by all)

**Mighty God, by your power you raised Jesus Christ to rule over us. We praise you that he puts down tyrannies that threaten to destroy us, and unmasks powers that claim our allegiance. We thank you that he alone commands our lives, and gives us freedom to love the world. Glory to you for the gift of his life! Glory to you for his saving death! Glory to you for Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our risen Lord, with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Concerns of the Congregation

Message to the Children

\*Hymn 215 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Acts 1:1-11; **Psalm 47**

Ephesians 1:15-23; \*Luke 24:44-53

\*Gloria Patri (Hymn #546)

Special Music

Sermon *Nothing to Do But . . .*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Litany for Ascension

Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology (Hymn #544)

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 213 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude

## Litany for Ascension

### Psalm 47

All peoples, clap your hands,  
**Shout your joy to God.**  
For God Most High is awesome,  
**Great king of all the earth.**

The One who conquers peoples  
**And sets them at our feet**  
Chooses for beloved Jacob  
**A land to be our pride.**

God ascends the mountain  
**To cheers and trumpet blasts.**  
Sing out your praise to God,  
**To the king, sing out your praise.**

For God rules the earth:  
**Sing praise with all your skill.**  
God rules over nations,  
**High on the sacred throne.**

Foreign rulers join  
**The people of Abraham's God;**  
All the powers on earth  
**Belong to God on high.**

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Arise, O Lord, in your strength.

**We will praise you for your glory!**  
Let us pray with joy to Christ at the right hand of God,  
saying:

**You are the King of glory!**  
You have raised the weakness of our flesh.  
Heal us from our sins,  
and restore to us the full dignity of life.

**You are the King of glory!**  
May our faith lead us to the Father  
as we follow the road you walked.

**You are the King of glory!**  
You have promised to draw all people to yourself;  
let no one of us be separate from your body.  
**You are the King of glory!**  
Grant that by our longing we may join you in your  
kingdom, where your humanity and ours is glorified.

**You are the King of glory!**  
You are true God, and you will be our judge,  
so lead us to contemplate your tender mercy.

**You are the King of glory!**

(after a brief silence)  
**O King of glory and Lord of hosts,**  
**who ascended triumphantly above the heavens,**  
**do not abandon us,**  
**but send us the promised one, the Spirit of truth.**  
**Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity,**  
**now and forever. Amen.**