



# Easter as Exodus

ASCENSION SUNDAY

JUNE 1, 2025

*Continue to remember those in prison  
as if you were together with them in  
prison, and those who are mistreated as  
if you yourselves were suffering.*

*Hebrews 13:3*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*\*please stand as you're able*

### PRELUDE

*Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor, arr. M. Burkhardt<sup>1</sup>*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus ascended in triumph to his heavenly throne.

All: **There he hears our prayers, intercedes on our behalf, and rules the world.**

One: Blessed are all who take refuge in the Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **Come, let us worship God.**

### \*HYMN 268

*Crown Him with Many Crowns, Diademata<sup>2</sup>*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We sing about your triumph as King of all creation. But we find ourselves lacking in trust that you are correcting the violence, injustice, harm and evil that prevail in our world. Every day we observe in ourselves and in our world, sin and the damage it causes. Discouraged we act resigned. We act defeated. Lord, raise us up again to live in the confidence and hope that you alone can give us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

### \*CELEBRATION SONG 359

*Freedom Is Coming, Freedom Is Coming*<sup>3</sup>

**Freedom is coming. Freedom is coming. Freedom is coming. O yes, I know.**

**Jesus is coming. Jesus is coming. Jesus is coming. O yes, I know.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:1-11

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Spiritual Adventures is on a break for the summer and will return this Fall.*

*Resources for families are available in the Narthex on the family ministry table.*

### PRESBYTERIAN BELIEFS ABOUT ASCENSION

Five hundred years ago was an age of tremendous upheaval and reformation. The theologian Jean Calvin articulated insights that are foundational for Presbyterians even now. Christ inaugurated God's sovereign Kingdom, it is begun and one day will be complete. The Ascension of Jesus begins his heavenly reign as head of the church, and reign over all the world. God has sovereign authority with power that is supreme over social, and political matters of the earth. Every other ruler has provisional and limited power. While Christ's ascension is mysterious to us, it reminds us that Jesus is present to us in every circumstance. His earthly body is not here, but his divinity, majesty, grace and Spirit are available everywhere.

### SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 12:28-13:3

**SERMON** - *The Kingdom of God for the Incarcerated* Pastors Sara & Sandy with Jenny

### CHOIR

*What Does the Lord Require of You?*, Moon<sup>4</sup>

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

## CALL FOR THE OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

*Great and Glorious, F. J. Haydn<sup>5</sup>*

## \*DOXOLOGY 609

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow<sup>6</sup>*

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## \*HYMN 507 (vs. 3&4)

*Come to the Table of Grace, Table of Grace<sup>7</sup>*

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you,

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

Leader: ...therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name.

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, we praise you for your love: bringing order out of chaos, breathing life into dust, leading captives into freedom, calling wandering children home, giving bread to the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, raising the dead to life.**

Leader: ...according to his commandment:

**People: We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.**

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*At the Name of Jesus, R. Vaughan Williams<sup>8</sup>*

*The congregation is invited to come forward and form two lines using the center aisle. If you are unable to come forward, remain seated and the communion elements will be served to you. The bread is gluten free and all are welcome.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION, LORD'S PRAYER

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*, arr. R. Hobby<sup>10</sup>

*The postlude is offered as a grateful thanks to God. We invite you to remain seated as we listen together.*

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**Leaders Today:**

Interim Pastor: Sara Tonje

Liturgist & Communion Server: Chuck Kamp

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr/Josh Mou

The Chancel Choir

Ushers/Greeters: Kate Fletcher, Ed Cothroll, Richard Appen, TBD (Deacon)

Communion: Thatcher Root, Yong Joo Erwin, Nathan Wilke



## **WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS - JUNE 1, 2025**

### **Ascension Day Celebration**

The art gallery from the Ascension Day Celebration is still on display inside the Yuma Street entrance. Please take some time to check it out if you haven't yet.

### **Adult Forum Today**

Emmanuel Ekezie and Agnes Dako will be joining us after church and presenting on the history of African Christian Fellowship which started at U.W. Madison about 48 years ago. They will also describe their missionary work in Africa and how individuals and organizations can partner with them. We hope you can join us!

### **Graduation Parties - WPC Members and Friends - You're Invited!**

-The Hayes are celebrating Anjali's high school graduation on Saturday, June 7 from 2-4pm and invite you to stop by. Address: 6705 North Ave, Middleton. (No gifts, please.)

- The Fletchers are celebrating Sam's high school graduation! You're invited to stop by an open house 4-6pm on Saturday, June 7 at 738 Spruce Street, Verona. (No gifts, please.)

### **Pontoon Boat Sign Up Open!**

The Fellowship committee invites you to a sunset cruise on Lakes Mendota and Monona on Sunday, July 13 at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy a guided tour of lake areas and a stop for ice cream. Seats are \$12 per person. **Sign up in the Narthex by July 2.** Checks to WPC with memo line, "Pontoon."

Question? Talk to Sandra Cole [srcole30@gmail.com](mailto:srcole30@gmail.com).

**VBS Registration is now open.** Check the weekly email announcements or our website at [westminstermadison.org](http://westminstermadison.org) for the link and more information.

### **Save the Date!**

Save the date for the 2025 Women's Retreat on Saturday, Oct. 4. We are looking forward to our annual day-long retreat at Holy Wisdom Monastery and are excited to have Sue Melrose lead us. Any questions, contact Juanita Halls [jjh71152@gmail.com](mailto:jjh71152@gmail.com).

### **Pentecost Offering Sunday, June 8**

The Pentecost offering provides young people with opportunities to grow and share their faith in Christ. Twenty-five percent will support the Young Adult Volunteer program, providing yearly service opportunities around the world. Another twenty-five percent goes to Ministries with Youth. Forty percent of funds raised will stay with our congregation to

help support local programs for youth. The final ten percent supports ministries to improve education and provide safe havens for at-risk youth. If you would like to donate, you can make checks payable to Westminster and mark "Pentecost" in the memo. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

**\*IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS\***

**Care List:** Jack Hamann, Gloria Hanson, Bob Goller & Gay Didriksen

**Members & Friends:** Bob Klassy, Fred DeWitt (Beth Testa's dad), Patrick & Betsy Ernst-Mullin



*Happy Birthday Church!*

**Pentecost Sunday**  
*June 8th, 9:45am*

Join us making hundreds  
of sandwiches for the  
homeless day shelter.

*Laughter, Joy and  
Birthday Cake!*