Fear and Great Joy: Ascension
May 24, 2020

GATHERING
Words of Welcome Barbara Krehbiel Gehring

*Spirit, Working in Creation* Green #10, v. 1-2, 4
Melissa Beitler, Song Leader

Call to Worship
Leader: A new day has begun.
**People: Hope wins!**
Leader: A fresh start is granted.
**People: Faith wins!**
Leader: Today you have the opportunity
to do something new.
**People: Hope wins!**
Leader: Christ is entering your life in a new way.
**People: Faith wins!**
Leader: Come, let us worship God,
who is inviting us into life in a new way,
a way that transcends death,
a way of hope and faith.
**People: Love wins! Let us worship Christ,
who overcame death to give us new life!**

Opening Prayer

PRAISING AND CONFESSIONING
*Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me* Blue #507, v. 1-3, 5
*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* Green #56

Prayer of Confession
Words of Assurance

Offering Prayer

HEARING GOD’S WORD
Children’s Story Elise Ewert

Scripture Reading Ruth Quiroa

Leader: Listen for the Word of the Lord.
**People: Our ears are open.**

Acts 1: 1-11
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Richard Gehring
“VUCA Church”

Music for Meditation Isaac Burk, Kristen Burk (piano)

*O Come Little Children; Go Tell Aunt Rhody*
*Song of the Wind*

SHARING IN COMMUNITY
*Of the Father’s Love Begotten* Blue #104

Blessing for High School and College Graduates Oliver Bulley

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,
**People: O Lord, Hear My Prayer** Blue #348

Congregational Prayer
Work of the Church

SENDING
*Come, Come Ye Saints* Blue #425, v. 1-2

Words of Blessing
This Week’s Activities

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Announcements

- Next Sunday, we will **celebrate communion** together during our Zoom worship service. We encourage you to plan ahead to be sure that your household has elements on hand, such as juice, bread, and grapes for the children/youth who are not baptized. Feel free to substitute similar elements. Let us also each prayerfully prepare for this time and consider whether we are being called to reconciliation in a relationship where there has been brokenness (Matthew 5:23-24).

- We will hold a **congregational meeting** after the worship service next Sunday. The meeting is primarily to discuss the office wing renovation, including a motion to increase the maximum cost of the project by a significant amount.