

## *Prayer of Preparation*

Ascended and reigning Christ,  
help all of us who struggle to  
worship you as Lord  
perceive the beauty and glory of  
your sovereign rule.

Help all of us who struggle to  
worship you and witness to you  
discover the beauty and power of  
your ongoing prayer for us,  
as well as the goodness of  
the gift the Father promised  
that you have given.

~Amen.

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## *Welcome!*

We are grateful that you joined us today and would love to keep in touch. After worship, please join us downstairs for refreshments provided by Arbor Dale's Patience Group.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Refreshments for next Sunday:** Kindness Group  
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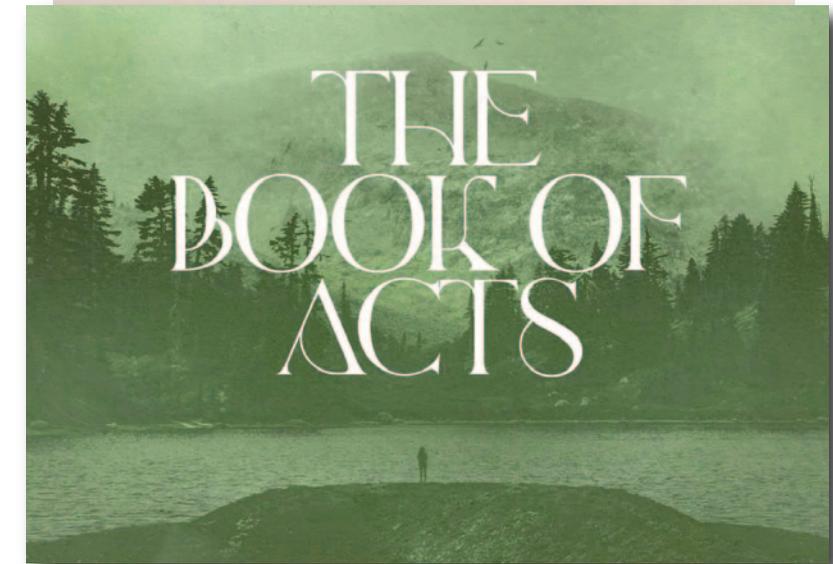
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Service for the Lord's Day  
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## GREETING

Leader: *Christ is risen!*

**All: He is risen indeed!**

PRELUDE *Christ is the Life of the World*

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 62:5-8*

Leader: *Yes, my soul, find rest in God;  
my hope comes from him.*

**All: Truly he is my rock and my salvation;  
he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.**

Leader: *My salvation and my honor depend on God;  
He is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at  
all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him,*

**All: for God is our refuge.**

## \* HYMN OF PRAISE *I'll Not Be Shaken (See Insert)*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*While we claim to celebrate the ascension of our Lord,  
the way we live proclaims our lack of faith in his power to  
deal with the world. Let us confess the incongruity  
between our faith and practice. Let us pray.*

## \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***We come, O Lord, to confess our lack of trust.***

***While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we have  
too often acted as though you are powerless in the face  
of today's events. We confess that we don't like to wait  
for you or receive power from you or be your witnesses.***

***We have forgotten who you are and what you promise to  
do. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to live with confidence in  
your presence today and in hope for life with you forever  
as you send us out into the world you love. ~ Amen.***

\* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *based on Ephesians 2:4-7*  
*Hear the good news of the gospel: God, who is rich in  
mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us  
even when we were dead through our trespasses, made  
us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been  
saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with  
him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in  
the ages to come he might show the immeasurable  
riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ  
Jesus. In Christ, by God's grace, we are saved.  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!*

## \* PASSING THE PEACE

## \* DOXOLGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above the Heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. ~ Amen*

## \* CONFESSION OF FAITH *From Colossians 1*

Leader: *This saying is sure and worthy of full  
acceptance:*

**All: that Christ Jesus came into the world to  
save sinners.**

Leader: *There is one God; there is one mediator  
between God and humankind, Christ Jesus,*

**All: who gave himself as a ransom for all, to whom  
we testify.**

Leader: *Great indeed is the mystery of our religion:*

**All: He was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit,  
seen by angels, proclaimed among the na-  
tions, believed in throughout the world, taken  
up in glory.**

\* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** *#589 Here I am, Lord*

**SCRIPTURE AND SERMON** *Acts 1: How to Wait*

\* **COMMUNION HYMN** *The Lord's Prayer (see insert)*

## \*CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

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Leader: *Therefore we join our voices with all the  
saints and angels and the whole creation  
to proclaim the glory of your name.*

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and  
might, heaven and earth are full of your  
glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes In the name  
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\* **HYMN OF SENDING** *#375 Jesus Shall Reign*

## \* BENEDICTION