



West Grove United Methodist Church

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
ASCENSION SUNDAY
May 16, 2021

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Jim

*Welcome! We are Open and In-Person! No reservation is needed.
You are welcome to join us on YouTube as well.*

*Call to Worship (Based on Revelation 22)

Pastor Jim

Leader: We proclaim that Christ is coming again in glory to reign forever.

People: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Leader: Christ says, "I am the Alpha and the Omega."

People: "I am the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Leader: "I am the offspring of David."

People: "I am the bright morning star."

Leader: The Spirit and the Church say, "Come!"

People: Whoever hears Christ's voice may come.

Leader: Whoever is thirsty may come.

People: Whoever longs for mercy may come.

Leader: Jesus Christ is coming again.

People: Christ is coming in glory to reign forever.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

*Opening Song

"Reaching For You"

PraiseWorks Band

*Opening Prayer

Pastor Jim

**Wondrous and generous God,
your gifts to us are overwhelming.
Your sun lights the way for our journey,
and your stars puncture our darkness.
Your living water quenches our thirst,
and your broken bread opens the door to eternal life.
Your healing touch binds up our wounds,
and your forgiveness washes clean our sin.
We give thanks for these gifts as we await Jesus' return.
Amen.**


Scripture Lessons

*Luke 24:45-53
Acts 1:1-11*

Pastor Jim


Meditation	“Elevator Theology”	Pastor Jim
Hymn	“I Stand Amazed In The Presence”	UMH No. 371
Moment for All Ages		Melanie Hartley
Hymn	“Jesus Shall Reign”	UMH No. 157
Joys and Concerns		Pastor Jim
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Jim
The Lord’s Prayer		Pastor Jim
Invitation to Offering		
Special Music	“O Worship The King”	Memory Bells Choir Arranged by Bill Ingram
Dedication of Offering		Pastor Jim
Closing Song	“Forever”	PraiseWorks Band
*Benediction		Pastor Jim
*Postlude		

* = *Please stand as you are able* **Bold Print = Say in unison**



Altar Flowers

Thank you, Linda Shiplet, for always gracing our altar with Flowers through all seasons!



Scripture Lesson: *Luke 24:45-53 (NIV)*

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

The Ascension of Jesus

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Scripture Lesson: *Acts 1:1-11 (NIV)*

Jesus Taken Up Into Heaven

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

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At West Grove UMC, we love God by opening our hearts to Jesus, growing our faith and serving our community and world in God's name.

Welcome, one and all! Church Office: 610-869-9334

Our Website: www.westgroveumc.org Email us at info@westgroveumc.org

COPIES OF YOUR MAY NEWSLETTERS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY AND ADMIN WING OF THE CHURCH.

Bible Study/Sunday School: Beginning May 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, Pastor Jim will offer a 6-week Bible Study on Psalms. Towards the second half of May, Pastor Tim is looking forward to beginning a Bible study during the week, and/or during the Sunday school hour, where he will lead us in a study of the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount. We look forward to renewing our fellowship, our friendships and the deepening of our faith together and invite you to join us. Several other studies are also possible this summer. We will share more details in our bulletins, e-mails, and website. Please contact Pastor Tim or Pastor Jim with you interest in participating.

PRAYER BEAD GARDEN FUNDRAISING RESUMES! The Prayer Bead Garden has been a long time coming to fruition. It started with a bead and a prayer, became a passion in the hearts of many members in the congregation, was taken on as a mission by Susan Paisley and, after many, many months, grew into a garden. It still has a long way to go to become the vision in the plan. It is all landscaping now. Please be generous with your donations to complete this wonderful place of prayer and meditation. More details will follow in the coming weeks. Meanwhile, if you would like to make a donation, please be sure to designate Prayer Bead Garden in the memo section of your check or note it on the envelope. Please contact Susan Paisley with your questions.

VBS Save the date: July 19-23, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.! VBS is back in person this year! Mark your calendar and stay tuned for details and guidelines for registration. Registration will be limited to ensure social distancing and safety.

SUNDAY WORSHIP ON YOUTUBE: We have moved our worship service live stream from Facebook to YouTube. **Subscribe** to our channel today by **CLICKING HERE**, or by searching YouTube for "West Grove (PA) United Methodist Church". Click the "All" notifications bell to receive live notifications. Recordings of all services since March 2020 are already posted, and also to our website under Watch & Read – [Weekly Sermons](#).

FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS DONATIONS OF THE MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS. Cereal, Corn Tortillas, Canned soup, Vegetable oil, Canned vegetables, Canned tomatoes, Eggs (please place in the church refrigerators and label for food pantry). Other food items are gratefully accepted. If they require refrigeration or freezing, please mark that they are for the food pantry. Donations of plastic and paper bags would be greatly appreciated.

Just an idea: For those who have their groceries delivered at home, but would like to donate groceries to the church, perhaps have a delivery made directly to the church?

YOUTH SUMMER SERVICE WEEK—JUNE 20-26: Our youth team is asking for **donations of food items** for our summer service week. We have a group of 16 youth and adult volunteers and they like to eat! Here are some foods we like: Lemonade mix, Fruit punch mix, Peanut butter, Grape or strawberry jelly/jam, Granola bars, *nut free snack bars (like nutrigrain bars), Cereal variety packs (individual boxes), Chip/Snack variety packs, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Salad dressings, Pancake mix, Breakfast syrup. If you are interested in donating, contact Melanie Hartley. Donations can be placed in Melanie's office Anything that is not used will go to our Food Pantry. Also, if you are interested in **helping to prepare meals** (all items are provided) for the youth during that week, please see Melanie for details.

THIS WEEK: May 16, 2021 through May 23, 2021

**~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Thank you for using phone calls, emails, letters, texts, direct messages, and other
mediums for nonessential business.**

7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer (Wherever you are)

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
ASCENSION SUNDAY
REV. JIM MUNDELL PREACHING**

Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Blended Worship in the Sanctuary
Monday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16) Bible Study on Psalms with Jim Mundell (Sanc.)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16) CMO Chapel Time Prayer Gathering (At home) SPRC Meeting (Sanc.)
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	CMO Book Fair (Sanc.) CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16) CMO Chapel Time Finance/Ad Council Meetings (Sanc.)
Thursday:	EPAC Annual Conference (Via Zoom) 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	CMO Book Fair (Sanc.) CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16) WGUMC Food Pantry
Friday	EPAC Annual Conference (Via Zoom) 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16) Mighty Writers Food Distribution
Saturday:	EPAC Annual Conference (Via Zoom) 9:00 a.m.	Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship in the Sanctuary

Please contact Donna Fackler (office@westgroveumc.org) to set up Zoom for your group, Bible study, small group, gathering, or meeting. You can access Zoom on a landline, a cell phone, a smartphone, a laptop, or a desktop.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

NEED PRAYER?

To be added to the Prayer Chain: Weekdays, contact Donna Fackler at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334. Evenings and weekends, email prayer@westgroveumc.org. **Prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for four Sundays.** Please contact Donna, if you need the request extended. *If you do not want your name listed in the bulletin, please state that in your request.*

Community and Mission Prayer Focus for May: Those who are suffering due to the Pandemic

Glenn Allen (Mundell)

Joe Carberry

Helen Carlin

Dick & Mildred Chambers

Joann Coates

Dee Crawford

Lena Douglas

Linda Eyster (Combs)

Michael Fackler (Fackler)

Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)

Joyce Flowers

Stephen Gaughan (Fackler)

Ellen Hayes

Richard Heacock

Family of Jim Helsel (Stewart)

Baby Evelyn Herrera

TJ Hess (Hruz)

Karen Hruz

Doug Kaiser (Mundell)

Kathy Kase (Fackler)

Debbie Kennedy (Coates)

Raymond Leonardo (McGinley)

Barb Lytle

Beverly Martin (Mundell)

Lenny Martin (K. Smith)

Steve May



Joel & Heaven McCree
(Combs)

Laura Minnick

Betty Mundell

Tim Mullen

Darlene Murphy

Lola Nadolny (Hruz)

Linda Peirson

Marlene Potter (Rubincan)

Dick Price

Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)

Michael Raineri

Rick Renzulli (McGinley)

Rich and Joan Saller

Roxanne Shane

Linda Shiple

Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)

Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)

Maureen Stickel (Fackler)

Jeannie Sullivan

Fernando Tena

Bruce Varney (Shiple)

Mary Weidman (Miller)

Mary Lou Werndorfer (Miller)

Steve Williamson (Heist)

Jacob Yoder (Wills)



Anderson S. Camp
Navy, Norfolk, VA (Shaub)

Daniel Engberg—USA (Hruz)

Nathaniel Howard,
USA

Brian Kubo—Washington
(Mullen)

LTC Eric Maxwell,
Fayetteville, NC
(Sara Ann Ramberger)

Chris Weidman—Japan
(Miller)

Dalton Wolfe—U.S. Marine
Corps

Drew Zumpino—USA
(Beauchamp)

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

*It is your tithes, offerings, and gifts that
impact and change lives for Christ!*

Report from May 9, 2021

General Offering: \$7,758
(Needed to Meet Budget: \$6,300)
Building Maintenance Fund: \$290
Food Pantry Families Served: 16

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Giving thanks to God for those who are serving you in
worship this Sunday.

Live-Stream	Michael Duvall
Digital Audio, Camera	Nate Robinson, Will Stuhrke, Christian Stuhrke, and Maggie Stuhrke
Audio/Visual/Live-Stream Tech	Steve May/Mike Wiwel
Remote Video Editing:	Keith Schneider
Officiating:	Rev. Jim Mundell
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Handbell Choir Director:	Sandy Deckard
PraiseWorks Band:	Brian Combs, Joan Leaman, Mel Leaman, Betsy Smith, Dave Talley
Memory Bell Choir:	Cindy Haley, Joan Leaman, Caryl Stuhrke, Richard Stuhrke, Carol Sweet and Peg Watkins
Moment for All Ages:	Melanie Hartley