



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday
May 21, 2023

11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Jim

Prelude

"All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name"

Memory Bells

Arranged by Sharon Elery Rogers

*Call to Worship ("Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise", by Charles Wesley)

Pastor Jim

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Leader: There for him high triumph waits: Lift your heads, eternal gates.

People: He has conquered death and sin; take the King of glory in.

Leader: Highest heav'n its Lord receives; yet he loves the earth he leaves.

People: Though returning to his throne, still he calls the world his own.

Leader: Lord, though parted from our sight, far beyond the starry height,

People: Lift our hearts that we may rise, one with you beyond the skies:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

*Opening Hymn

"Ask Ye What Great Things I Know"

UMH No. 163

Opening Prayer

Pastor Jim

**Righteous God,
we thank You for this ascension Sunday
and for Your divine authority.**

**Your Word says that You alone set the dates and times for things to occur,
and it is through You, O God, that we receive power.**

**We thank You for the ascension of Your son Jesus,
because of Him we are given divine authority
and guidance here on earth through Your Holy Spirit.**

We give you thanks because we know that one day

You will return from heaven in the same way

You ascended from earth.

Amen.

Moment for All Ages

Melanie Jones

(All children are invited to Room 12 for Children's Worship.)

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:6-14 (NIV)

Caryl Stuhrke

*Gospel Reading

John 17:1-11 (NIV)

Pastor Jim

Meditation

"Glorified"

Pastor Jim

Anthem

"Look Away To The Skies"

Chancel Choir

Words by Roger Thornhill, text inspired by John Wesley (1707-1788)

Tune: MIDDLEBURY; Arranged by Joel Raney

***Affirmation of Faith**

Caryl Stuhrke

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy universal and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Pastor Jim

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Jim

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Jim

Invitation to the Offering

Pastor Jim

Offertory

"Jesus Shall Reign"

Memory Bells
Arranged by Bill Ingram

Dedication of the Offering

Pastor Jim

***Closing Hymn**

"Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

UMH No. 557

***Benediction**

Pastor Jim

Postlude

(Please join us for Fellowship Narthex/Lobby.)

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

8:30 a.m. Worship

Ministry Opportunities

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*Hymn of Response

“Hallelujah! What A Savior”

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Please join us for a time of Fellowship following the service.

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***Gospel Lesson: John 17:1-11 (NIV)**

Jesus Prays to Be Glorified

¹7 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ²For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

⁶“I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

¹³“I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

Scripture Lesson: Acts 1:6-14 (NIV)

⁶Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But 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.”

⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹“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.”

¹²Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk from the city. ¹³When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

OPEN ~ GROW ~ SERVE

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

WELCOME, ONE AND ALL! Faith, hope and love are gifts of God. May you find them here. If you have come as a guest, we hope that you'll leave as a friend and pray you'll be nourished in faith as you hear God's message for you today. We encourage you to join us again. Please honor us by signing the Friendship Pad. Our Welcome Center, located in the lobby, is a place where guests and new attendees can seek information about our church.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP during the 11:00 a.m. worship service is offered during the worship service for children in grades K-4. Children will have the opportunity to learn the scripture lesson of the day as well as worship practices of the church, and the church seasons. Children will begin in the worship service with their families and be invited to follow our volunteer leader to Room 12 after the Moment For All Ages.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SAVE THE DATE: VBS is quickly approaching. Lists are being made, volunteers being recruited, decorations being collected and, most of all, all the fun being planned! **The dates are Monday, July 10 through Friday, July 14 from 9 a.m. to Noon.** If you are able to volunteers in any way, your time, your talents, your donations, please let Melanie Jones know. You can contact her at childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org or call her at 610-869-9370.

UMM BREAKFAST: The monthly breakfast meeting of the men (all ages) of our church will be **Saturday, May 27th , 2023, at 8:00 AM at the church.** There will be a light breakfast with dishes provided by our men. If you would like to provide a breakfast dish please speak with Pastor Jim or Mike DuVall. The objective of our gathering is to grow our spiritual life for the glory of God. We invite the men of the church to join us.

West Grove UMC Calendar of Events: Be sure to check out the church calendar on our website! There are many activities, groups, events, studies and more going on every week. **Sunday School** has classes for adults and children of all ages. Your church calendar is reviewed daily and updated with the latest events and meetings. Please refer to our website to get information, updates, calendar events, etc. **www.westgroveumc.org**

GRADUATE SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH: If your child or grandchild (member of the church or regular attendee) are graduating high school or college in the coming weeks, we would love to honor them!

Please send the information to Melanie Jones. Please include:

Students name

School graduating from

***High school post-graduation plans**

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

NEED PRAYER?

Prayer Requests: Please do not leave prayer requests on the prayer chain email. It is not monitored. Email Donna Fackler at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334 or Email Susan Paisley at sbrintonpais1@verizon.net or call 610-268-3305. Your request will be shared with the prayer chain, and if you would like, it will be noted below in the bulletin Prayer List.

Dianne Bunch

(Stuhrke)

Helen Carlin

Beth Castaldi (K. Smith)

Dan Castaldi

(Castaldi)

Family of Dick Chambers

Joann Coates

Katie Deeter (P. Bryan)

Dan and Liz DePaul (Jackson)

Irma Devom (Stryjewski)

Lena Douglas

Linda Eyster (Combs)

Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)

Joyce Flowers (Mullen)

Family of Mike Hake (May)

Richard Heacock

Jennifer Hertzog (Jackson)

Family of Jay Hughes

Lynn Jackson

Maria Kanno (Mullen)

Debbie Kennedy (Coates)

Tom Kuch (Kuchs)

Erica Lindell (Stryjewski)

Ted Lynam (Stuhrke)

Lenny Marten (K. Smith)



Jim May (Mullen)

Family of Mike

McGowan (Kilmartin)

Betty Mundell

Tim Mullen

Lola Nadolny (Hruz)

Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)

Michael Raineri

Rick Renzulli (McGinley)

Sam Reyburn (Shiplet)

Lisa Rowe (Mullen)

Family of Richard Saller

Levi Schrum (Carmichael)

David Shaver (Hruz)

Linda Shiplet

Ian Smedley (Heist)

Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)

Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)

Gail Stuhrke (Stuhrke)

Jeannie Sullivan

Bob Sweet

Mary Weidman (Miller)

Jill Williams (Miller)

Family of Ruth Wilson (May)

Kay Yates



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

Nathaniel Howard,
USA

Brian Kubo—Washington
(Mullen)

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

Chris Weidman—Idaho
(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 14, 2023

General Offering: \$ 5,640

(Amount needed to meet budget: \$7,955)

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 270

Attendance: In-Person and You Tube

8:30: 17 11:00: 43 & 18 Live Stream

Food Pantry: 98 families on May 10-11

Food donations appreciated.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Servants

Live-Stream: 8:30	Volunteers needed. Will train.
Digital Audio: 8:30	Steve May
Live-Stream: 11:00	Michael Duvall
Digital Audio: 11:00	Michael Duvall, Nate Robinson,
Soundbooth Rotating:	Will Stuhrke, Doyle Stuhrke, Maggie Stuhrke and Reed Smith
Audio/Visual/Live-Stream Tech	Mike Wiwel
Officiating:	Rev. S. James Mundell
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Handbell Choir Director:	Peggy Watkins
Moment For All Ages:	Pastor Tim

Today: 05/21/23

8:30 / 11:00

Nursery Aide:	Amy Castaldi / Open
Children's Worship:	Melanie Jones
SS Roamer:	Maryanne Covington
Counters:	Len Kuch and Ruth Kuch
Lay Reader: 8:30	Volunteers Needed
Lay Reader: 11:00	Caryl Stuhrke
Ushers: 8:30	Amy & Mark Simonds
Ushers: 11:00	Linda & Virgil Brown
Greeter: 8:30	Kim O'Neill
Greeter: 11:00	Fran Miller

Next Week: 05/28/23

8:30 / 11:00

Open / Open
Melanie Jones
Fran Miller
Dave Talley and Vicki Owens
Volunteers Needed
Joyce Lewis
Gene & Alison Aucott
A. Herman & F. Miller
Fred Sullivan
Jean Kilmartin

We have a need for Lay Readers for the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. With enough volunteers, your reading rotation would be once every 6 weeks or so. Substitution of dates is always available. Please contact Joyce Lewis to be on the Lay Readers list. Thank you.