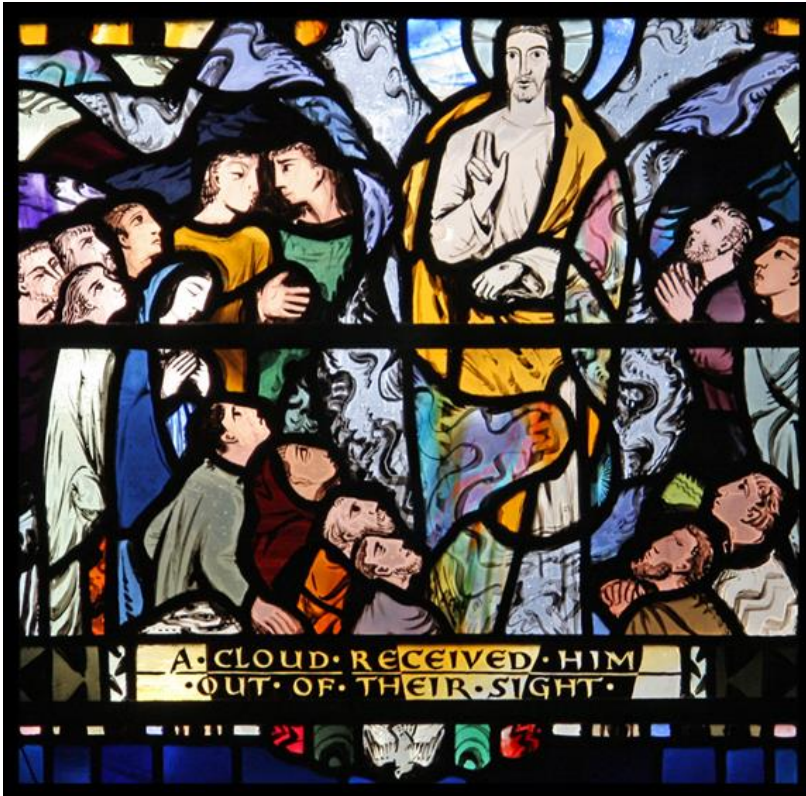


# Community of the Savior



## **The Ascension of Our Lord**

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## Next Sunday, May 19

**Day of Pentecost**, 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Katie Sawade Hall will be preaching, and Doug Cullum will preside at the Lord's Table. The scripture readings are Ezekiel 37:1-14; Ps. 104: 24-34, 35b; Acts 2:1-21; and John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15.

**Coffee and Conversation**—Everyone is welcome to meet in the fellowship hall each Sunday between the worship services for refreshments and conversation.

### **Faith Formation for Children, Youth and Adults: 9:00 a.m. Sundays**

**Nursery:** newborn to preschool

**Junior Explorers:** preschool through kindergarten

**Explorers:** 1st through 6th grade

**Youth Group:** 7th through 12th grade

**Adults: May 19**, This session will struggle with one part of trying to make sense of the classical Christian teaching that we believe in One God in Three Persons. Most of our time will be spent on unpacking how the Apostle John came to his understanding: of the Holy Spirit: first as a fisherman, then as a disciple of Jesus, then in the interim between Jesus' resurrection and Pentecost, and last as the Apostle of Love. Led by CoS attendee Paul Livermore.

### **Every Knee, Wednesday, May 15: 7:00pm**

Every Knee is a monthly informal service of worship through acoustic contemporary music, scripture, and prayer.

### **CoS Student Intern: An Opportunity to Host**

Community of the Savior will be blessed this summer with a student intern, Aly Fry. She will be entering her senior year at Greenville University this fall and comes highly recommended by her advisor and chair of the Theology, Philosophy, and Ministry Department at Greenville University. Her love of liturgy and personal exploration of future ministries seems a natural and exciting fit for CoS! We are seeking a host home (or homes if the timing is shared) while she is here, May 25 to July 28. The CoS Leadership Team has approved a small stipend for the host/s in addition to a weekly stipend for Aly to cover her expenses. She will be largely self-sufficient and there is no expectation of regularly providing meals, but access to a kitchen is necessary. If you are interested in hosting Aly or have questions before deciding, please contact Pastor Barb. Thank you for your consideration and please keep Aly in your prayers as she travels and interns with CoS this summer.

### **With Gratitude from the Pastoral Team**

Thank you for taking the recent CoS survey regarding the new Sunday morning schedule that was implemented in December and small group opportunities at CoS. Your feedback is so appreciated and immensely valuable as we prayerfully consider the needs of our growing congregation. The number of respondents was exemplary for a congregation of our size, and that speaks of your ongoing care and true sense of community. We are grateful! The pastors along with the CoS Leadership Team will now begin the work of interpreting the data and comments received. We covet your prayers as we seek God's leading for CoS.

### **CoS goes to Rwanda!**

Thank you to all who attended the Rwanda presentation this past Sunday about CoS's upcoming trip to launch a Connected Community with the Ruru Free Methodist Parish in Rubavu City, Rwanda. Here are ways you can be involved in this exciting new venture:

- **Pray** for the Ruru Church; pray for the children and families who need sponsorships; pray for the CoS team (Deb & Jeff Benedict; Lisa & Dan Schaertel; Wally Fleming; Joyce & Doug Cullum)
- **Sponsor** a child! Sponsorship forms are available online now.
- **Give** to help support the costs of the trip to Rwanda; Go to the CoS giving portal; in the designation box scroll to "Rwanda Trip" or mail a donation to CoS Rwanda Trip, 4 E. Henrietta Rd, Rochester, NY 14620

### **CoS Spring Cleanup/Workday**

The facilities team is looking for a few volunteers on Saturday May 18th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon for a Spring Cleanup/Workday at CoS. You will need some gardening tools, if that is your specialty, otherwise just show up. Weeding, spreading mulch and trimming some bushes along with other projects are anticipated. Coffee and snacks will be provided.

### **Job Opportunity: Children's Ministry Coordinator**

Community of the Savior is seeking to add a Children's Ministry Coordinator to its ministry team. For more information on the position and on how to apply, contact Pastor Barb.

### **College and Career Group**

The CoS College & Career group would like to thank all of those that hosted our meetings this past school year. The food was delicious and it was great getting to know each one of you. We look forward to the next school year. Anyone that might be interested in hosting next year can contact Jeff Langdon at [jlangdon56@yahoo.com](mailto:jlangdon56@yahoo.com).

# The Ascension of Our Lord

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## ***WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF JESUS OUR RISEN LORD***

*As we enter to worship, let us gather in quiet contemplation and prayer.*

*To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God. (Archbishop William Temple)*

### Community Moments

#### Preparation for Worship

*Please stand, if able*

#### Greeting

*Leader:* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*People:* **Amen**

*Leader:* The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Leader:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Gathering Hymn

*A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*

1. A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New  
 2. The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -  
 3. To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why  
 4. O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, All

hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -  
 on the Mount of Olives stand. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -  
 stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -  
 praise to you let earth ac - cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -

lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod. As -  
 lu - ia! And with his faith - ful fol - l'wers see Their  
 lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" Thus they say, "This  
 lu - ia! You are, while end - less a - ges run, With

cends un - to the throne of God. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -  
 Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -  
 is his glo - rious tri - umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -  
 Fa - ther and with Spir - it one. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

Opening Prayer

**All:** God of majesty, you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life, and took him up to the glory of heaven. Clothe us with the power promised from on high, and send us forth to the ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ, firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

*Please be seated*

## Call to Confession

*Leader:* You have heard what was written about Jesus in Scripture: how he would suffer and die and then rise from the dead on the third day; how, through his death and resurrection, the forgiveness of sin is now possible for all who repent. So let us boldly approach the throne of God, where we will find grace and mercy.

## Song of Reflection

*Kyrie 12*

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in a 2/2 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and homophonic. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. lei - son. The score includes first and second endings for the final phrase.

## Silent Personal Confession

### Corporate Confession

**All:** Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Words of Assurance

*Leader:* Dear friends: As Jesus Christ instructed his followers, the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed in his name from the holy city to the ends of the earth. As you truly and earnestly repent and turn to God, know that your sins are forgiven, and rest in the shalom of Christ's reign.

*All: Amen.*

## ***...TO OPEN OURSELVES TO THE LIVING WORD OF GOD***

### Prayer for Illumination

*Leader:* Eternal God, by raising Jesus from the dead you proclaimed his victory, and by his ascension, you declared him Lord of all. Now as we hear your Word, lift up our hearts to heaven, we pray, that we may live in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All: Amen.*

### The First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

(Pew Bible, NT 94)

*Leader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### The Psalter

Psalm 47

*The refrain is sung first by the cantor, then by the congregation. It repeats as led by the cantor*

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, O  
sing your praises to the Lord!

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

(Pew Bible, NT 120)

*Leader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, if able*

Gospel Acclamation

The image shows a musical score for the Gospel Acclamation. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/8. The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ial Al - le - lu - ial' repeated twice. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

The Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

(Pew Bible, NT 64)

*Leader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Please be seated*



## Liturgy Moments

*After Liturgy Moments, children who wish are invited to participate in Faith Formation (8:45, preschool-high school) or Children's Worship (11:00, preschool-3<sup>rd</sup> grade) on the lower level.*



Go in peace, the peace of Christ, and  
learn the ways of God.

Sermon

Silent Reflection

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

***All:* I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he arose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Peace

**Leader:** The peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Tithes and offerings may be placed in an offering basket at the door, given through the online giving portal at [cosmthope.com/give](http://cosmthope.com/give), or mailed to Community of the Savior*

## The Offering and Presentation of Gifts

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!  
2. The Lord, our Sav - ior, reigns, The God of truth and love;  
3. His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
4. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the judge shall come

Re - joice, give thanks, and sing, And tri - umph ev - er - more:  
When he had purged our sins, He took his seat a - bove:  
The keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus giv'n:  
And take his ser - vants up To their e - ter - nal home:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

# ...TO FEAST AT THE TABLE OF JESUS, OUR LORD

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Leader:* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*The leader offers thanks to God with a prayer appropriate to the season, concluding with:*

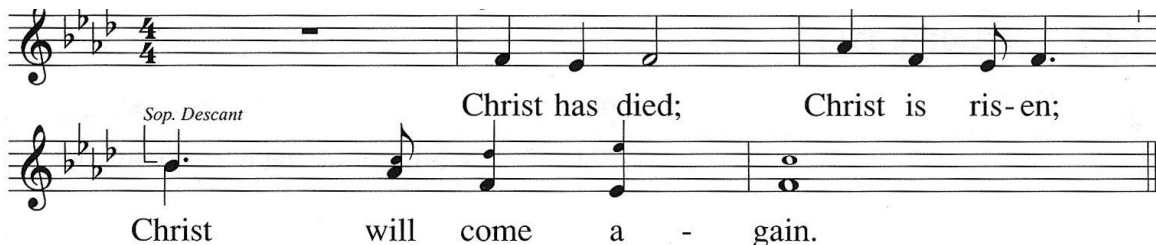
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est." The score includes a descant section marked "Descant: Ho -" above the final line of music. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*Please be seated*

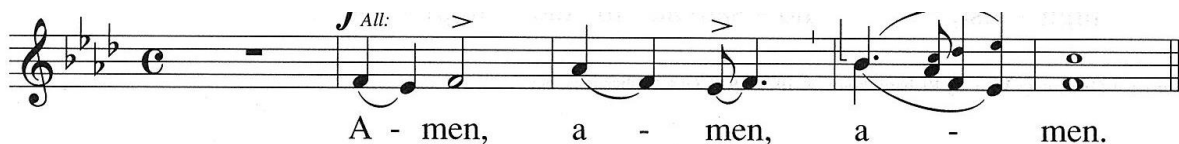
*The leader continues the prayer of thanks to God for the acts of salvation, remembering Jesus' words of institution, and concluding:*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en;  
Christ will come a - gain.

*The leader prays for the presence of the Holy Spirit, and for Christian unity, concluding, ...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.*



A - men, a - men, a - men.

## The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Breaking the Bread

The musical score is written for a soprano voice in G minor (one flat) and 2/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the grant us peace. sins of the world: grant us peace." The score includes dynamic markings such as *mf* and *Sop. Descant*, and a tempo marking of *Slower*. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*Leader:* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

***People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## Receiving the Bread and the Cup

*The Lord's Table at Community of the Savior is an open table. All who embrace faith in Christ are welcome to receive the Eucharist. Two communion lines form, beginning with the front rows; the pastor will place the bread in your hand, then you will move to the cup, dip the bread in the cup and partake. Individual cups are also available. In recognition of the various streams of Christian tradition that converge at CoS, followers of Christ who have not yet received baptism may receive, but are encouraged to contact one of the pastors as soon as possible to consider Christ's invitation to baptism. Those who do not wish to partake are invited to come with arms crossed over their chest, and the pastor will pray a brief prayer of blessing for you as you move through the line. A gluten free option is available. Please ask the server. In solidarity with all who struggle with addiction, the Eucharistic Cup at CoS is non-alcoholic.*

*Healing Prayer: Those with a special need are invited to receive prayer and anointing with oil, if desired. Simply move to the prayer station and a pastor will pray a brief prayer for you.*

# ...TO GO FORTH IN THE RENEWING POWER OF THE SPIRIT

*Please stand, if able*

## Post-Communion Prayer

**All:** Gracious God, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that nourished with these spiritual blessings we may set our hearts in heavenly places; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Hymn of Going Forth

*Before the Throne of God Above*

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong and per - fect  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the guilt with -  
3. Be - hold him there, the ri - sen Lamb! My per - fect spot - less right - eous -

plea: a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for  
in, up - ward I look and see Him there, who made an end of all my  
ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM, the King of Glor - y and of

me. My name is grav - en on His hands. My name is  
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died my sin - ful  
Grace. One with Him - self, I can - not die; my soul is

G D/F# G F#m Bm Bmadd4 D/A Aadd4 G D/F# A Dadd4/A Bm D/A

writ - ten on His heart. I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can  
soul is count-ed free. For God, the Just, is sat - is - fied to look on  
pur-chased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

Em/G D/G G G/A Bm D/A Em/G D/G G G/A D

bid me thence de - part; no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
Him and par - don me; to look on Him and par - don me.  
Sav - ior and my God; with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

## Charge and Blessing

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## **Brief History of Community of the Savior**

On the first Sunday of Advent 2007, after many months, prayer and discernment, Community of the Savior started weekly worship services as an evening congregation of New Hope Free Methodist Church. Founding co-pastors Gloria Roorda and Doug Cullum were joined by a faithful core group of people to help launch the vision of a church that yearned to be both faithful to historic Christianity and meaningfully responsive to the needs of the present world. Increasingly the leadership team of CoS felt called to move to a Sunday morning service in order to more faithfully fulfill its mission. In spring 2009, CoS joined Edgewood Free Methodist Church as one of the worshipping communities in Edgewood's multi-site approach to ministry, and on Pentecost Sunday began morning worship at St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry. Community of the Savior became a Free Methodist church society on March 16, 2014. We began worshipping in the former South Presbyterian Church at 4 E. Henrietta Road on October 19, 2014. Welcome to the journey!

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