

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Ascension Sunday

PRELUDE *The Well-Tempered Clavier* J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS John Ranson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, in this season of Eastertide, we remember the blessings God gives us—the blessings of Resurrection, salvation, and new life in Christ.

We come to praise God for the blessings of Easter!

We recall the blessings of creation—of clean air and water, of food and shelter, of beauty and awe.

We come to praise God for the blessings of creation!

We share in the blessings of community—of family and friends, of church and home, of help that is given and received.

We come to praise God for the blessings of community!

Easter people, we gather today to remember Christ's Ascension, when Jesus was taken up into heaven while blessing his disciples, marking not the end but the next chapter of God's salvific work among us.

We come to bless God with our praise as God continues to bless us with all that we need to live as God's Resurrection people. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, October 2025.

***OPENING HYMN** *"Jesus Shall Reign"* UMH #157

*OPENING PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 1:1-11 Thomas Hungarland

RECOGNIZING OUR GRADUATES Pastor Penny

NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 1:15-23 Katie Blanchura

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Penny

PRAYER HYMN *"Lead Me Lord"* UMH # 473

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:44-53

SERMON "Blessing Received and Blessing Given" Pastor Penny

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM COVENANT II UMH #39-43

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS UMH #47-49

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Pastorale in C* L. Wely

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"* UMH #611

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

May God bless you with the understanding, wisdom, and grace to follow the way of Jesus Christ, that in all things, your life may be a blessing of praise to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Toccata in C* J.S. Bach

**Please stand as you are able*

**MOUNT VERNON
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

May 17, 2026



High School Graduates:

Thomas Hungarland will be attending Virginia Tech to major in Finance

Faith Newell will be attending Virginia Tech to major in Biochemistry

Krystie Eugene will be attending Virginia Tech

Katie Blachura will be attending Longwood University

Braelynn Adams will be attending University of Virginia

Emily Hylton will be attending Virginia Tech

PreSchool Graduates:

Claire Holden will be attending Southside Elementary

Julian Gould will be attending Forest Hills Elementary

Ways to Give

You can give as the offering plate is passed or by scanning the QR Code here



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To live, share, and extend the ministry of Jesus Christ