Ascension Sunday

May 29, 2022

Albany
First United
Methodist Church

Rev. Lura Kidner-Miesen, Pastor
Eric McKirdy, Organist & Music Director

Centering Thoughts

Meditation is waiting on God.
—Mahatma Gandhi

Biblically, waiting is not just something we have to do until we get what we want. Waiting is part of the process of becoming what God wants us to be.
—John Ortberg

The only thing harder than waiting on God, is wishing that you had!
—Steven Furtick

Waiting on God requires the willingness to bear uncertainty, to carry within oneself the unanswered question, lifting the heart to God about it whenever it intrudes upon one's thoughts.
—Elisabeth Elliot

Sometimes when we're waiting for God to speak, God's waiting for us to listen.
—Martha Bolton

Teach us, O Lord, the disciplines of patience, for to wait is often harder than to work.
—Peter Marshall

Welcome!

Prelude

Invitation to Worship Carol Pemberton

We worship in the welcome of God's love.
We sing in the joy of our unity in Christ.
We wait for the power of the Holy Spirit.
Ancient of Days, as we rest in you today, refresh us and send us to live in love, unity, and power.

Hymn: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* UMH #154 vv. 1-4

Scripture: Acts 1:1-14

Sermon: "Don't Just Do Something, Stand There" Pastor Lura

Hymn: *Spirit Song* UMH #347

Prayer Pastor Lura

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Song: *Spirit of God* TFWS #2117 vv. 1-3, 5

Closing Blessing (based on Second Corinthians 13:14) Pastor Lura

Wait for God. Wait with Christ. Wait in the Spirit. And now may the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you and abide with you, now and always. Amen.

Postlude

Announcements:

~ Starting today, masks are optional for those attending the worship service. We continue to require people to be vaccinated and to stay home when sick.

~ The June issue of the church newsletter, the Tower Notes, is available in the narthex.

~ Cesie Delve Scheuermann is the guest preacher next Sunday, June 5. We will have Holy Communion on June 12.

~ Pastor Lura will lead a class on the book *The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus*. Starting on June 12, we will meet every other Sunday after the worship service for a 90-minute class. Sign-up in the narthex (church entryway) and pick up a book.

~ On the second Sunday of each month, volunteers meet in the church kitchen at 9 a.m. and put together sack lunches for Helping Hands to distribute. If you can be part of our sack lunch team, sign up in the narthex or contact Karla Long at 503-926-3347 or karla.b.long@gmail.com.

~ Our May special offering is for Family Tree Relief Nursery as they build healthy, families and work to end child abuse and neglect. Note on your check that it is for "Relief Nursery" or give through our website at albanymethodist.org.

~ Help people enjoy a fellowship time after the summer worship services. You would serve every few weeks, and volunteers are needed for the set-up team and the clean-up team. Sign-up at the table in the church entryway.

~ There will be an ushers meeting after worship service on June 19, in the Fireside Room. This will be a quick meeting. Bring your calendar.

Contact Information:

Rev. Lura Kidner-Miesen
lura@albanymethodist.org
Office: 541-928-3505
Cell: 503-269-1714

Office Manager: Rachel McKirdy
rachel@albanymethodist.org
Office: 541-928-3505

~ The church office is open Tue, Wed, Thur: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. ~

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name ©Public Domain
Spirit Song ©1979 Integrity Music. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission under OneLicense A-736674.
Spirit of God ©1991 United Methodist Publishing House. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission under OneLicense A-736674.