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Communion

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.
All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Approach

Gathering Song MV #147 – “*God Help Us to Treasure*”

Call to Worship

One: Jesus ascended into heaven in a cloud of glory and mystery.

All: Now we must discern him in the commonplace and the everyday.

One: Open us to faith so that we may perceive not only what is, but also what might be.

All: We gather with our hearts and minds wide open to praise and celebrate Jesus.

* Hymn VU #341 – “*Fairest Lord Jesus*”

Prayer of Approach

Gracious God, you have drawn us to this place for this special time. Now we pause to listen deeply for your word to give understanding to all the complexity of our lives. On this Ascension Day we resonate with the disciples who watched you leave. How can we believe without you right in front of us? Is the Holy Spirit really enough? Our searching for you is a life-long quest. With you, every joy and challenge of life has deeper meaning. Bless our worship and our lives, in the name of Christ.
AMEN

The Word

📖 Scripture Readings – Acts 1: 6-14

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
THANKS BE TO GOD!

* Response VU #381 – “*Spirit of Life*”

Meditation – “Life after Jesus – what next?”

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – “I Find My Peace in You”

The Response

Announcements

* Offering / Response

**He is Lord! He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord!**

Celebration of Communion

Congregational Response: Make us ready for your coming Spirit.

Fracture of the Elements

**(v. 4) Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name
In earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy,
Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons,
Blessed Trinity**

Invitation and The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Elements

Post Communion Prayer

Wise Creator, as you have fed our bodies at this table, now fill our souls with confidence. Inspire us to go into the world bringing righteousness and peace. We trust that your Spirit will give us everything we need to be your witnesses. AMEN

* Hymn VU #470 – “*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*”

* Benediction / Response

**We will follow, we will follow Jesus.
We will follow everywhere he goes.
We will follow, we will follow Jesus.
Everywhere he goes we will follow.**