

LISBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 17, 2026 Ascension Sunday

PRELUDE and TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

WORDS OF GREETING

*A Time of Praise*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: The heavens shout out the glories of the Lord.*

**PEOPLE: God's handiwork is written across the skies.**

*Leader: The music of creation sings throughout the earth.*

**PEOPLE: Day by day, night by night, in word and in song,  
let us declare the glories of the Lord!**

**ALL: We gather to worship and glorify our God.**

\*OPENING HYMN *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* # 160

UNISON PRAYER Most High God, as Christ ascended into the heavens, may our hearts ascend to you in this time of worship. Open our eyes to the power of your love. Open our lives to the fullness of your grace. Help us wait patiently for the baptism of your Spirit, that we may be found worthy of your great gifts. In Jesus' holy name, we pray. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 68 # 792

*Act of Confession and Pardon*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION Ever-present God, we find so much to worry about. The world seems a scary place, filled

with violence and destruction. Things seem to be coming apart and we don't know what the future holds. Help us to place our trust in you, O God. Remind us of your continuing care for all creation. Teach us to see the needs of the world and to respond with care and compassion, that we may be faithful, gentle, loving people. In the name of the One who brings us peace, Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Leader: The Creator God who made heaven and earth dwells among us to bring us love and the fullness of life.*

**PEOPLE: Let us praise the Lord our God, for the One who loves us is faithful and forgiving.**

*Hearing God's Word*

EPISTLE READING Acts 1.1-11 (pg. 118)

SPECIAL MUSIC

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 1.15-23 (pg. 192)

GOSPEL READING John 17.1-11 (pg. 111)

SERMON *That They May Be One*

\*HYMN *They'll Know We are Christians By our Love* # 2223

## *Responding To God's Word*

### A TIME OF PRAYER

Joys and Concerns and Time of Silent Prayer  
The Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer # 895  
Prayer Response *Lord, Be Glorified* (vs 1) # 2150

### RECEIVING OUR GIFTS and OFFERINGS

Offertory and \*Doxology # 95  
\*Prayer of Dedication

\*CLOSING HYMN *Crown Him with Many Crowns* # 327

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORDS OF BENEDICTION

*Leader: We go forth to pursue God's ways: righteousness,  
holy living, faithfulness, love, and justice.*

**PEOPLE: We go forth to share the abundance of God's  
gifts with others, grateful that God's goes with us.**

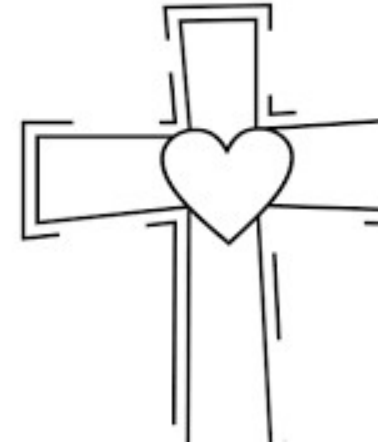
SUNG BENEDICTION *Grace Alone* (vs 2) # 2162

### \*POSTLUDE

#### Today's Worship Leaders

Jen Morgan, Lay Reader  
Verne Smith, Video Production Manager  
Judy Rathbun, Organist  
Rev. Elizabeth J. Bachelder Smith, Pastor

*Boldly Caring for our  
Community*



*Grounded in God's Love*

Lisbon United Methodist Church  
welcomes, nurtures, and serves  
all people  
with the love of Christ.