

# TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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**The Lord's Day**

**Ascension Sunday**

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 • 10:45 A.M.**

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*Trinity Fellowship Church exists to glorify God by equipping a community of believers to worship God and be witnesses of Him in Central Arkansas and to the ends of the earth.*

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## VOLUNTEERS

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### **Greeters and Ushers**

### **Nursery**

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Howard Gorter <i>and</i> Lucas Gorter	06/02	Joy Denley
Boyd Irby <i>and</i> Christopher Irby	06/09	Michelle Irby <i>and</i> Jessica Irby
David Lukas <i>and</i> Ben Lukas	06/16	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Micah Schmidt <i>and</i> Andrew Schmidt	06/23	VOLUNTEER NEEDED

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## PARAMENTS

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Liturgical colors have an instructional purpose and point us to the life of Christ and the great acts of redemptive history.

These colored hangings, called paraments, adorn the pulpit, communion table, and baptismal font.

White is displayed on Ascension Sunday.  
It represents the victory we have in Christ,  
who has ascended to the throne to rule and reign.

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# Celebration *of* Worship

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## The Greeting and Announcements

### The Prelude

*During this time, be prayerful and reverent in preparation  
for the worship of our holy God in His sanctuary.  
(Please silence all phones and electronic devices.)*

### † The Processional Hymn

Hymns of Grace

### Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Nº 391

### † The Call to Worship

### Psalm 47

Leader: *Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. God has ascended with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!*

### † The Hymn of Praise

Hymns of Grace

### Across the Lands

Nº 198

### † The Prayer of Invocation

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† Please stand, as able

## **The Call to Confession**

**Psalm 68:18–19**

Leader: *You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there. Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.*

## **The Individual Prayers of Confession**

### **The Assurance of Pardon**

**Ephesians 4:1–10**

Leader: *I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says, “When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.” (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)*

### **† The Hymn of Trust**

**And Can It Be?**

Hymns of Grace

N<sup>o</sup> 180

### **† The Affirmation of Faith**

**Westminster Larger Catechism, 53**

Leader: *How was Christ exalted in his ascension?*

Unison: Christ's exaltation in his ascension began after his resurrection when he appeared to the apostles a number of times, talked to them about the kingdom of God, and commissioned them to preach the gospel to all nations. Forty days after his resurrection, in our human nature and as our head, he visibly went up into the highest heavens, triumphing over enemies. There he receives gifts for men, raises our minds, and prepares a place for us, where he himself is and shall continue to be until his second coming at the end of the world.

## **The Prayers of the People**

*God calls us to be a praying people.  
Let us join in prayer, offering our praise,  
thanksgiving, and intercession to God.*

## **The Offertory**

*Our offering is an act of worship in which we express our gratitude and reliance on God.  
For those of you who are guests with us today, giving is not obligatory.  
We are eager to share with you more about our church and its ministry  
and to invite you to participate with us as you are called by God.  
If you have filled out a visitor's card, please place it in the plate as it is passed.*

### **† The Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Hymns of Grace

### **Doxology**

N<sup>o</sup> 440

### **† The Prayer of Dedication**

### **The Reading of Scripture**

ESV Pew Bible

**Exodus 26:1–37; 38:21–31**

*pp.* 66–67; 78–79

### **The Sermon**

Rev. Brad DeVries

**“God’s Tent”**

### **† The Hymn of Preparation**

Hymns of Grace

**The Church’s One Foundation (vv. 1–2)**

N<sup>o</sup> 354

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*We welcome all baptized Christians who have professed their faith in Jesus Christ for salvation and are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive holy communion with us. If you are not able to receive communion, please use this time to meditate on the prayer found below.*

We serve gluten-free bread and your choice of grape juice (colored cups, outer ring) or wine (clear cups, inner rings)\*

### † The Hymn of Response

Hymns of Grace

### The Church's One Foundation (v. 3)

Nº 354

### † The Benediction

### † The Recessional Hymn

Hymns of Grace

### The Church's One Foundation (v. 4)

Nº 354

## The Postlude

*As you leave the sanctuary today, may you know the hope to which God has called you, experience the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and trust his incomparably great power for us who believe.*

*Please help us love our community by recycling your unneeded bulletins as you leave. A recycling bin is located by the door in the narthex.*

**A Prayer of Belief:** Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

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‡ *As the communion elements are distributed, please wait until all are served so that we may partake together.*

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## NOTES

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## DISCUSSION AND APPLICATION

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- ❖ What did the details of the Tabernacle tell the people of Israel about God? Are the details about curtains, rings, poles and bases really that important to us today? Why or why not?
- ❖ There is something unique and “heavenly” when God’s people gather to worship in His holy presence. Does that fit the worship backdrop that you are used to? Do you look forward to worship? How do you prepare?
- ❖ What is the significance of the Tabernacles orientation on the ground?
- ❖ The Old Testament dwelling was a heavenly and holy space. How does this compare to the New Testament dwelling?
- ❖ What was hidden in the Old Testament dwelling was made visible and accessible in the New Testament dwelling. How is this possible? If access to certain places or people really depends on *who you know*, what message (and it’s a good message!) does the Christian have? Why is this a message that Christians need and can never get over?

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