

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1610 Prince Street, Conway, Arkansas, 501-329-3801, www.conwayfumc.org

Ascension Sunday
May 17, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE WELCOME

Prelude Prelude on *Overstrand* Earnest Walker (1870–1949)

Introit We've a story to tell to the nations *Message*

We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right, a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light. For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright; and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

– H. Ernest Nichol (1862–1928)

The Opening Prayer

Redeeming God, you call us to be one with you, as you are one with Christ. As his perfect love casts out our fear, and changes it to love, unite us by your Spirit of peace, that we may be one with you, as you are one with Christ. Amen.

* **Hymn 312** Hail the day that sees him rise *Llanfair*

A Children's Moment *with Pastor J.J.*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Prayer for Illumination, *said by all, seated*

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

The Scripture Lesson

1 Peter 4:12–14

Reader The word of God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 47, Hymnal p. 781

The Psalm antiphon is sung first by the psalmist, then by all.

*** Hymn 325** Hail, thou once despised Jesus *In Babilone*

*** The Gospel Lesson** *John 17:1–11*

Pastor The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon *Glorified*

*** The Affirmation of Faith, Hymnal p. 881**

Concerns and Prayers, *all seated*

The Lord's Prayer, text at Hymn 270

The Offering

Anthem God is gone up Arthur Hutchings (1906–1989)

God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Thou art gone up on high. Thou hast led captivity captive and received gifts for men. O sing praises unto our God. O sing praises unto our King. Alleluya. God is gone up on high.

– Psalms 47 & 68

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*or place cash or a check in the offering plate
or scan the QR code.*



As the offering is presented, the following hymn is sung by all:

*** Hymn 304**

Regent Square

**Easter people, raise your voices,
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven’s choices;
heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

THE SENDING FORTH

*** Hymn 327**

Crown him with many crowns

Diademata

The Dismissal with Blessing

Officiant The peace of Christ be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Response

Message

We've a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow hath trod, that all of the world's great peoples might come to the truth of God. For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright; and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

– H. Ernest Nichol

Postlude

Prelude on *Hyfrydol*

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Officiants & Preacher

Rev. Nathan Kilbourne; Rev. Miranda Hornsby;
Nathan Fryar, pastoral intern

The Lay Ministers

Pamela George; Sylvia McDaniel, psalmist;
Ethan Fincher and Norah Geier, acolytes;
the Chancel Choir; Jason Saugey, organ

*To protect the beauty and historic nature of this worship space,
the trustees request no food or drinks in the sanctuary. Thank you.*

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise 312

1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. There the glo-rious tri-umph waits, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. See! the heaven its Lord re-ceives, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. See! he lifts his hands a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

To his throne a - bove the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Al - le - lu - ia!
 See! he shows the prints of love, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ hath con-quired death and sin, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Though re - turn - ing to his throne, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!

Re - as - cends his na - tive heaven, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Take the King of glo - ry in, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Still he calls the world his own, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Bless-ings on his church be - low, Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739

MUSIC: Robert Williams, 1817; harm. by David Evans, 1927

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Psalm 47

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 Robert Williams
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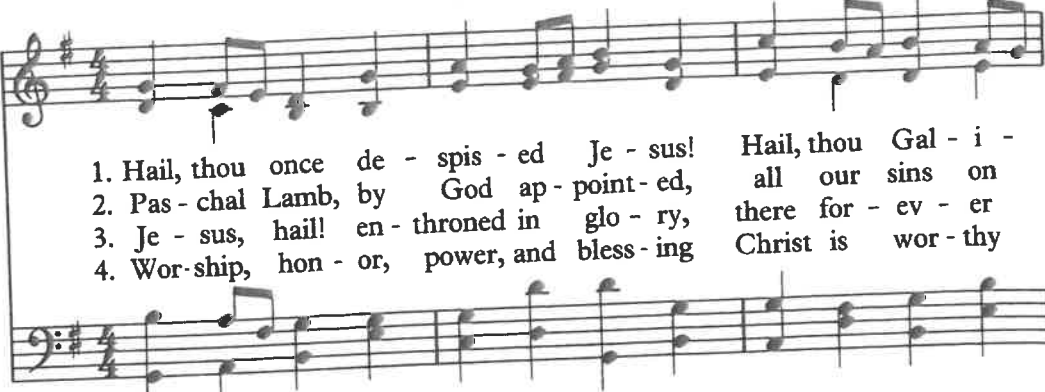
RESPONSE (*Ascension & General*)

Earth and heaven re - peat the cry,
 "Glo - ry be to God on high."

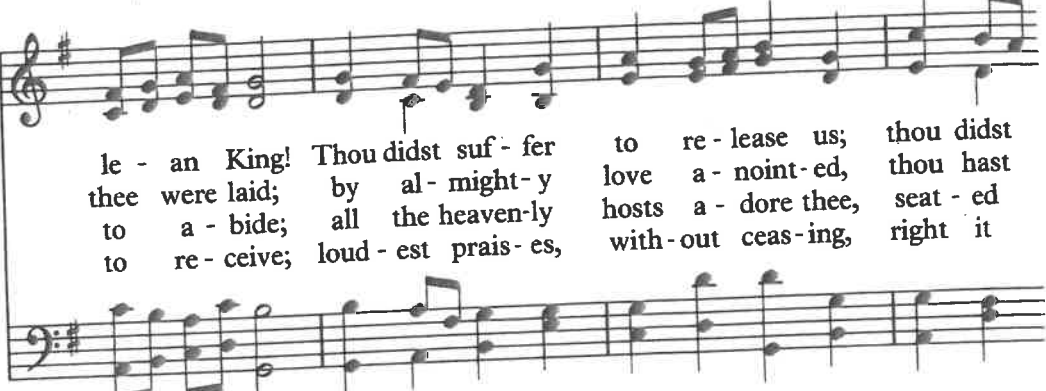
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- 1 Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
- 2 For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great Ruler over all the earth,
- 3 who subdued peoples under us,
 and nations under our feet,
- 4 **who chose our heritage for us,**
the pride of Jacob whom God loves. R
- 5 God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our Ruler, sing praises!
- 7 For God is the Ruler of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!
- 8 God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.
- 9 The princes of the people gather
 as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God,
who is highly exalted! R

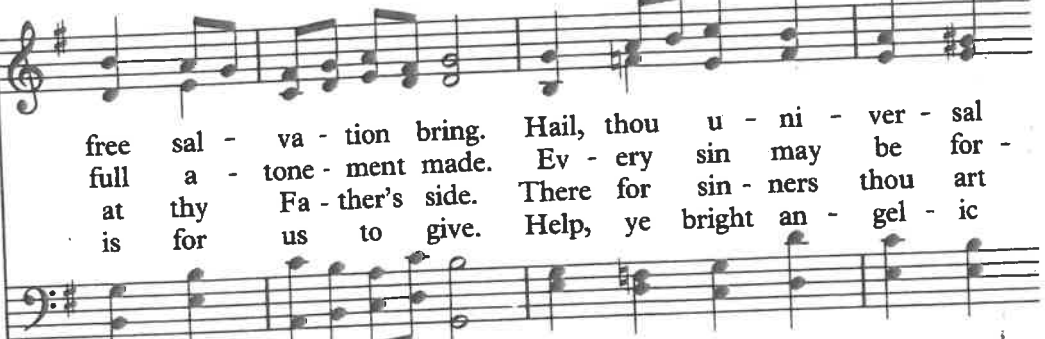
325 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus



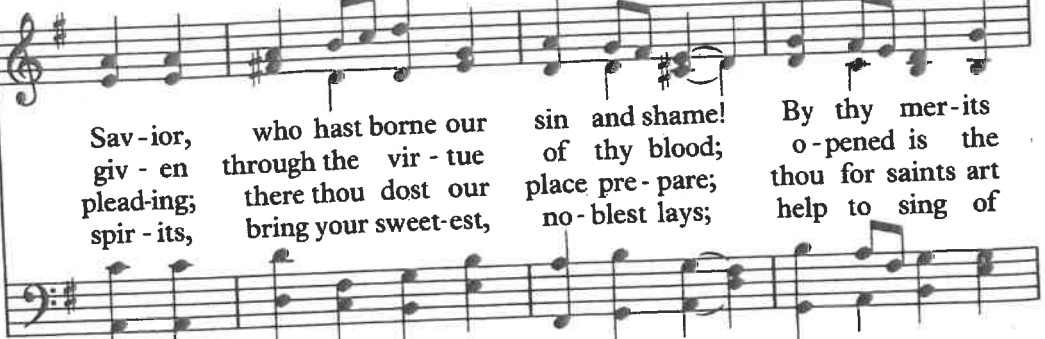
1. Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
 2. Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
 3. Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for - ev - er
 4. Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing Christ is wor - thy



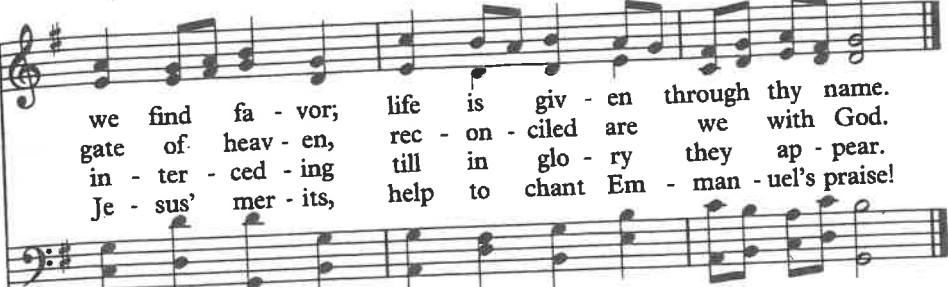
le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; thou didst
 thee were laid; by al - might - y love a - noint - ed, thou hast
 to a - bide; all the heav - en - ly hosts a - dore thee, seat - ed
 to re - ceive; loud - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, right it



free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
 full a - tone - ment made. Ev - ery sin may be for -
 at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
 is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sav - ior, who hast borne our sin and shame! By thy mer - its
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood; o - pened is the
 plead - ing; there thou dost our place pre - pare; thou for saints art
 spir - its, bring your sweet - est, no - blest lays; help to sing of



we find fa - vor; life is giv - en through thy name.
 gate of heav - en, rec - on - ciled are we with God.
 in - ter - ced - ing till in glo - ry they ap - pear.
 Je - sus' mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

327 Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne.
 2. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave,
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,

Hark! how the heav-en-ly an-them drowns all mu-sic but its own.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
 those wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
 His reign shall know no end, and round his pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re-deem-er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex-tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Matthew Bridges, 1851, and Godfrey Thring, 1874 (Rev. 19:12)
 MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1868

DIADEMATA
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RESURRECTION AND EXALTATION, *see further:*

636 Christian People, Raise Your Song 715, 716 Rejoice, the Lord Is King
 177 He Is Lord