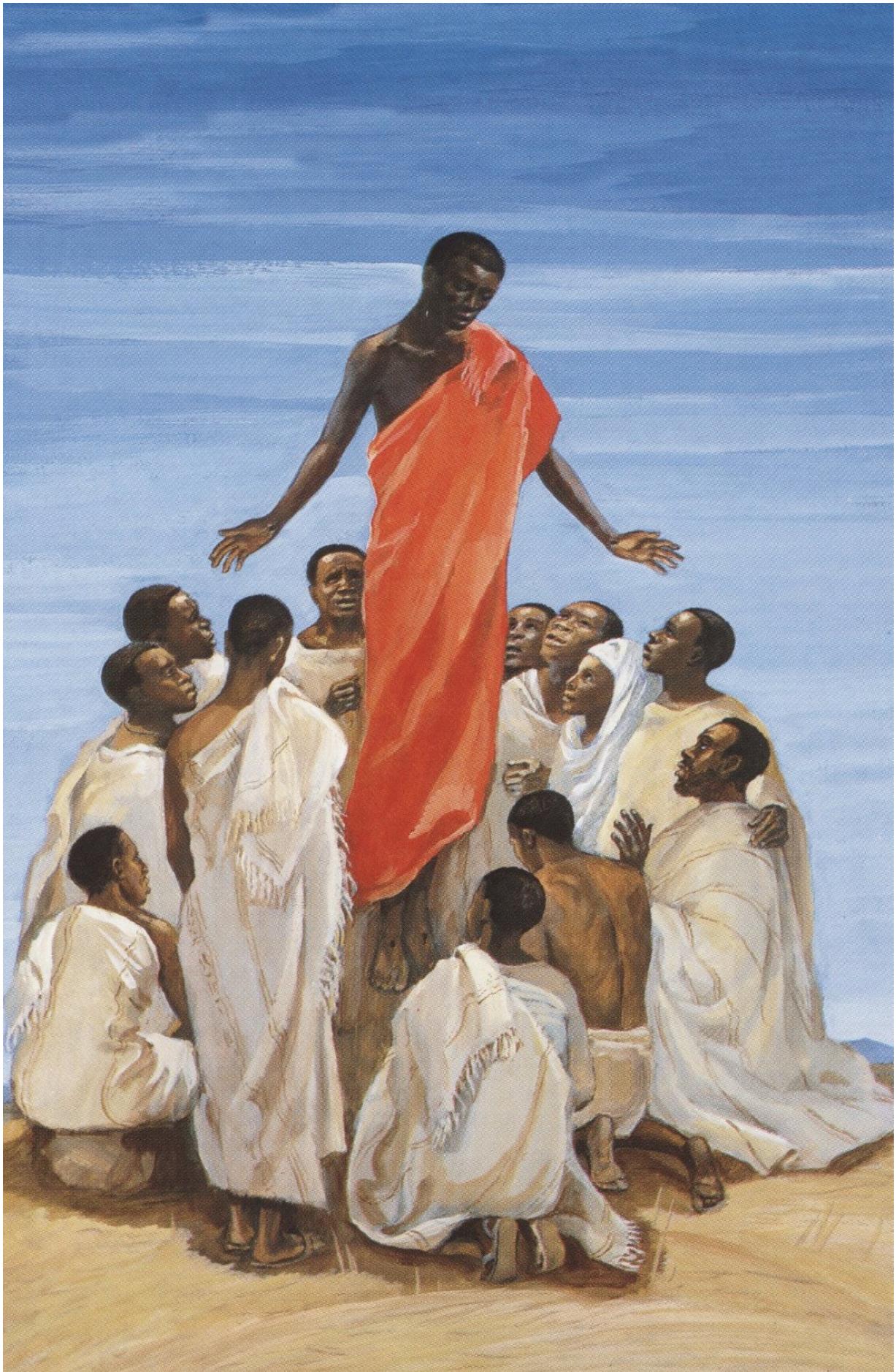


Shelter Island Presbyterian Church

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SHELTER ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. Stephen M. Fearing, Pastor
Linda Betjeman, Minister of Music
Karen Tudor, Administrative Assistant & Clerk of Session
Karin Bennett, Sexton
10:30 A.M. | May 17th, 2015

*The people of the Shelter Island Presbyterian Church
....As we believe, so we do*

Ascension of the Lord (Year B)

Today's Lectionary Texts:

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:15-23

Psalm 47

Luke 24:44-53

*(The worship service begins with the **prelude**. Let us silently prepare our hearts and allow others the same opportunity.)*

Chimes

Prelude: "O Thou of God the Father" Johann G. Walther

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Introit: "At the Name of Jesus" Ralph Vaughan Williams

***Call to Worship**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus
and your love toward one another.

Eph. 1:15-20

So I do not cease to give thanks for you
as I remember you in my prayers.

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ
may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation
as you come to know him.

**With the eyes of our hearts enlightened,
we see the greatness of Christ's power
at work in us who believe.**

**God put this power to work in Christ
when God raised him from the dead -
and seated him at God's right hand
in the glory of the heavenly places!**

***Hymn No. 268** “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

***Invitation to Confession**

God-lovers, let us repent of those things
that have drawn us away from God and our neighbors,
that we may receive the joy of forgiveness.

***Prayer of Confession**

**God, lover of humankind,
you have asked us to proclaim your name to all people. *Luke 24:47*
We confess that we have held back from doing that,
shy and self-conscious.
Forgive us, we pray, and empower us in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

***Kyrie**

Glory to God, No. 551

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***Gloria Patri**

Glory to God, No. 581

***The Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we also ought to forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

— *Please greet those around you* —

Children’s Moment

Children are invited to come forward as “Jesus Loves Me” is sung
Parting Liturgy: The Lord be with you here.
 The Lord be with you there.

Prayer for Illumination

Enlighten the eyes of our hearts, O God, *Eph. 1:17-18*
and grant us a spirit of wisdom and revelation
through the reading of this, your Word. **Amen.**

First Reading Psalm 47

pew Bible pg. 572

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“He is King of Kings” African-American Spiritual

Second Reading Luke 24:44-53

pew Bible pg. 93

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Sermon "He Ascended Into Heaven"

Rev. Stephen M. Fearing

***Hymn No. 662** "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

RATISBON

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty,
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Responsive Litany: "May we be Christ's body,
the fullness of him who fills all in all."

Call to Offering

The Offertory "Come, Oh, Come, Thou Quickening Spirit" Guenter Raphael
*****Please take a moment to fill out the friendship pads*****

***The Doxology**

Glory to God, No. 606

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***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 debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

***Hymn No. 262** "Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus" ALL SAINTS

***Charge & Benediction**

Choral Benediction: "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" Isaac Watts/
John Harton

Postlude "Crown Him With Many Crowns" arr. Alec Wyton

*We invite you to rise in body or in spirit

Questions for Reflection

The Ascension of Christ to be seated at the right hand of God is a grand liturgical celebration in the life of the church. It marks forty days of celebrating Easter and God's triumph over the powers of oppression, depression, and our fear of death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is one of many images we have for Christ: good shepherd, suffering servant, great physician. How does the image of the ascended Christ affect your understanding of who he is?

What are the strengths and weaknesses in this image of Christ for you?

Next Sunday (May 24th) is Pentecost Sunday. This is the day that we celebrate the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples in tongues of fire as told in the book of Acts. Such is the reason we use the color red to embody this story which is, essentially, the story of the birth of the Church. **We invite all who attend this service to wear red clothing to help embody the story!** And, don't forget, the service is the first in our 9:00 A.M. summer schedule!

Special Announcements

Stephen is now updating the SIPC website on a daily basis. Check out www.sipchurch.org for up to date announcements in the life of this church. Also, being posted is the manuscript and bulletin from the previous Sunday's service.

Follow SIPC on Twitter @ShelterIslandPC

Lectionary Texts for Next Sunday (May 24) are:

Acts 2: 1-21

Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

Romans 8: 12-17

John 3: 1-17

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Thank you to our worship and fellowship leaders this morning!

Assisting : Forrest Compton

Greeter: Clarissa Tybaert

Usher Mark Switzer

Coffee Hour Host: Choir

Today's flowers are given by Webster Schott in memory of Susan Schott

Guest Notes: Welcome! Worship bags with activities for children are available in the narthex. Ask an usher. Please join us for light refreshments and fellowship after worship today in Fellowship Hall.

More Shelter Island Presbyterian Church Information can be found on our website, www.sipchurch.org, or by calling the church office at (631)749-0805 and speaking to the Church Secretary, Karen Tudor.

Office hours are on Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday;

Karen works on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

For pastoral emergencies, please call Rev. Stephen M. Fearing on his cell phone at (404)823-5926.

This week at Shelter Island Presbyterian Church:

Sunday, May 17	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Soupy Sunday	
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	12:30 p.m.
Monday, May 18	Engaging the Text	9:00 a.m.
	Mission Committee	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 19	UPW Meeting	10:30 a.m.
	Session	5:00 p.m.
Friday, May 22	AA	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 23	Annual Yard Sale	8:00 a.m.

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, May 24	Worship	9:00 a.m.
	****Worship Service Time Change Reminder****	
	Soupy Sunday	
Tuesday, May 26	Events Planning Meeting	9:00 a.m.

**VISION STATEMENT OF THE SHELTER ISLAND
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

We envision the Shelter Island Presbyterian Church as a spiritual heart of our small community — a congregation that keeps its door open to all and offers service and support to friends, neighbors and visitors from beyond our shores. We will encourage the spiritual growth of our church’s people in Jesus Christ through worship, service to others, stewardship, study and fellowship with one another. We will work to increase our spiritual engagement with youth, young families and our growing senior population. Inspired by God’s Word, we look forward to our future with faith and confidence in God’s purpose for us.

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In your thoughts and prayers during the coming week, please remember the following:

The nations in the Middle East, our planet, the men and women in the Armed Forces and our leaders. For Chuck Bredlow, Ruth Diefendorf, Ashley Sanderson, Lindsay Ehrlich, Frank Catoe, Beverly Joyce, Lisa Armour, Melissa Insinga, Audrey Trotman, Mary Gienko, Ruth Mattson, Tara Chituk, Jill Tuttle Albiani and Michael Sharpless.

We will gladly list the names of any individuals in need of our prayers. You may share names with us by turning in a note from the pew or by calling the church office prior to Friday a.m. We will continue to list these names for 4 weeks and then they will be removed unless a specific request is made.

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