

**May 12, 2013
Ascension Sunday
10:45 a.m.**

Please enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship in silence.

*...the third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.*

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Life Together

Please sign the red pad at the end of the pew and pass it along the row.

*Call to Worship—Psalm 47:5-7

**God has gone up 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!**

*Hymn 264 *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”* DIADEMATA

*Invocation

**Eternal God,
by raising Jesus from the dead you proclaimed his victory,
and by his ascension you declared him Lord of all.
Lift up our hearts to heaven,
That we may live and reign with him.
Amen.**

WORD AND SPIRIT

*The Ascension Story Luke 24:44-53 (p.861)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Choral Anthem *At the Name of Jesus* Ralph Vaughn Williams

Time with Children

Children’s Choir *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

The Word to the Church Ephesians 1:15-23 (p.949)

*Hymn 266 *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”* DIADEM

(Children through second grade are dismissed for classes)

Proclamation *Joy and Blessing* Peter Hawkinson

RESPONSE

Choral Response

Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer (sins)

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Mission of the Church—The Trustee Board

Offertory

*Response (Hymn 269)

Let all God's creatures rise and bring their grateful honors to our King!

Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH

*Hymn 267

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

*Charge and Benediction

*Tolling

Postlude

**Please stand as you are able.*

Following the Postlude and during the coffee hour, a Stephen Minister will be available near the stained glass windows for anyone interested in individual prayer.

Welcome! We pray that you will experience anew the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as we worship together.

Our thanks to Skip and Kitti Steiner, sanctuary greeters, Reed Brunzell, Mer Crow, Eric Fogel, Jeff Johnson and Alan Thorne, ushers; Bonnie Hawkinson, Scripture Reader, Dave and Ruth Johnson, coffee hosts; the Children's Choir, and Nancy Magill (piano).

WINNETKA COVENANT CHURCH
May 12, 2013

Welcome!

Please join us in the narthex immediately following worship for coffee and conversation.

TODAY IN OUR CHURCH

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. For children, Rotation Sunday School: *The Covenant: The Early Church as the Body of Christ*. For adults, *Holy, Human Stories to Connect With* led by Art Nelson in the Upper Room and *The Story* in Room 203
- 10:45 a.m. Worship
Confirmation will NOT be meeting.
- 6:00 p.m. High League—Senior Night

TUESDAY—MAY 14

- 9:45 a.m. Playgroup. All are welcome. Contact: Kira Johnson, kiraj23@att.net
- 7:00 p.m. Mens Basketball

WEDNESDAY—MAY 15

- 5:00 p.m. Children's Music—for children age 4 through third grade
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner: Pizza. All are welcome. **Final Wednesday Night until fall.**
- 6:15 p.m. Singing, Skits, and Scripture in the Upper Room. All are welcome.
- 6:45 p.m. Programs for all ages, ending at 7:45 p.m. Explorers (ages 2-3); Voyagers (ages 4-kindergarten); Pathfinders (grades 1-2); Trailblazers (grades 3-5); Junior High
- 6:45 p.m. Life and Faith Conversations
- 6:45 p.m. The Story in Room 203
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY—MAY 16

- 1:00 p.m. Community Kitchen—food preparation in our church kitchen. All are welcome.
Contact: John Anderson.
- 4:15 p.m. Those serving at the Community Kitchen will depart church.
- 7:00 p.m. Executive Board meeting. The first fifteen minutes is an open time for anyone to bring any items of concern or ideas for ministry.

FRIDAY—MAY 17

- 6:30 p.m. The Marriage Course
- 7:00 p.m. Confirmation students will present their faith papers in the sanctuary. All are invited to attend.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

- 8:00 a.m. Mens Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation rehearsal

SUNDAY—MAY 19 –CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. Rotation Sunday School: *Kingdom Parables*. For adults, *Holy, Human Stories to Connect With*, taught by Art Nelson, and *The Story* will meet in Room 203
- 10:45 a.m. Worship
- 12 noon High coffee in fellowship hall in honor of our confirmands.
- 7:00 p.m. High League

ADVANCE CALENDAR

Monday, May 20. All articles for the June issue of Network are due in the church office.

Sunday, May 26, 9:30 a.m. A Joyful Celebration. Sunday school groups of all ages gather in the Upper Room for refreshments, singing and reflection on the Sunday School year.

Sunday, June 2. **Summer hours begin** with 9:30 worship and our **All-Church Picnic** immediately follows the worship service.

Wednesdays, June 5, 12, 19, & 26, 6-8:00 p.m. **Summer Night Live.** (see insert)

July 13-20, 2013. **Intergenerational Mission Trip** to Covenant Mountain Mission in Jonesville, Virginia. Questions, contact Pastor Andrea.

NOTICES

Larger print copies of the morning hymns are available on the table in the back of the church near the sound booth. Children's bulletins are also available in the narthex. Please help yourself as needed.

On Tuesday, May 21, the Tuesday Women's Bible Study will have a farewell luncheon for Sandi Hotchkiss at the home of Eleanor Milbratz. Please contact Eleanor if you plan to attend or with questions.

Struggling through one of life's storms? Consider a Stephen Minister. We're companions, listeners, prayer partners. We're there to walk along side you through the difficult times. And our relationships are strictly confidential. Contact one of our pastors to learn more or to be directed to a Stephen Ministry Leader.

The Story: A journey together into the story of God's love, continues Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m., and Sundays, 9:30 a.m. *The Story* is scripture condensed into 31 accessible chapters, allowing the stories, poems and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel. Materials will be provided. All are welcome.

Texts for next week: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17 (25-27)

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The Stephen Ministers

*Our mission is to be a Christian community and to proclaim the gospel,
worshiping together in love, nurturing people in the faith, serving others as Christian disciples,
and building a world of justice and hope in the name of Christ.*

At Winnetka Covenant Church:

We hold grace as our highest value.

We practice honest, open, direct communication.

We speak the truth in love and listen in love.

We believe the best about each other, valuing others above ourselves, as Christ does.

We allow room for mistakes, acknowledging that mistakes are part of the growth process.