



Chatham Community Church

Joined in the Spirit

May 24, 2020

Seventh Sunday of Easter - Ascension

Pastor Patty Humphress

Greeting

Centering Music

Karen Schaefer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Thom Shuman

Leader: Come to worship, people of God, with praises on your lips.

People: **Even when we are feeling isolated and fearful, we can glorify the One who holds our hands in our loneliness.**

Leader: Come into the presence of the One who makes holy every place, every space, holy and sacred.

People: **Even where we continue to stay safe in our homes, the doors of grace are flung wide open for us.**

Leader: Come and hear the stories of the One who loves you.

People: **In living rooms, on laptops and devices, we will sing our songs and tell those tales of the peace and of the hope which is ours.**

ALL: Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Let us pray...

When it does not seem to matter to many, Creator God, we will dare to be your people, to love those the world would have us reject, to be just in the face of every reason to be cruel, to be unafraid of whatever awaits us.

When all the odds seem stacked against us, we still dare to live as your sisters and brothers, serving others even from the safety of our homes, sharing in the burdens of our neighbors, refusing to leave the lonely orphaned with no hope. For in you, we dare to live and breathe and be, and for this we give you thanks and praise. May our worship be pleasing and acceptable to you, O God, our Rock and Redeemer. Amen.

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

TIME OF PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer

You are invited to speak names during the silent time – those people you want to remember in prayer.

Prayer Response

Be not afraid, I go before you always.

Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

GOD'S WORD REVEALED

Scripture for Reflection

Acts 1:6-11

Message

"What Next?"

Pastor Patty

Benediction and Congregational Response

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.

Lift up your eyes and see God's face, full of grace forever.

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Record of our Faithfulness:

Offering:

\$1,545.00

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Please pray for:

Hoyt Mis, Lou Gehrig's

Bud Sudar, failing health

Laura Tice, health concerns

Jeff Natterer, health concerns

Charmaine Hrusch – friend of Tom & Sandee –
serious health issues

Mancel Samples, treatment for lung cancer

Peyton, young friend of Gary & Kathy –brain tumor

Macee, Tom & Sandee's 3-year-old friend – recovery

Audrey Arters, health concerns

Laverne Geisinger, health concerns

Norm & Mary Selzer, health concerns

Our First Responders

**Those whom we know who have tested
positive for Covid-19**

Ethan Siman, Adam Klein in the service

TITHES AND OFFERINGS – If you would like to give your offering for the church to continue the mission of the church, please send your checks to Gary & Kathy Schroeder, 9460 Spencer Lake Rd. Spencer, OH 44275.

CHATHAM WORSHIP – You can experience worship with Chatham Community Church on **Facebook** or on **YouTube** (Chatham Community Church Medina OH). Please email or call your prayer concerns to Pastor Patty to be included in Sunday worship.

BACK TO CHURCH? – Several people have asked me when we will be returning to worship in the sanctuary. This is not a decision I take lightly. The general minister of the UCC and the bishop of the UMC will give guidance as to how and when we can return to worship in the sanctuary. I will keep you posted.



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