

Traditional Service of Worship

Ascension Sunday

May 21, 202311:00 a.m.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE Timothy Jackson, Jr.
Angels of Innocence

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
(Please fill out a connect card located in the pews)

INTROIT

\*HYMN No. 154
All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name
(Verses 1-4, 6)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP
"Go back to Jerusalem and wait," Jesus said to his disciples.
But Lord, we are not good at waiting.
"The Holy Spirit will be here not many days from now." (Christ told his followers)
But we want to know what to do right now, right here. We want the plan laid out.
Jesus replied: "It isn't for you to know."
Then we will trust in what we do know: that God is good and will not leave us alone.

THE 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI No. 70
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

\*RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP
Let no one be a stranger in the house of God.
Please take this opportunity to greet those around you.

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40:27-31
LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
We value the gift of generations, so all kids are invited to grab a worship bag (or coloring supplies) and remain in the sanctuary as part of worship. The nursery is open and available for kids four and younger.

ANTHEM Larson
America the Beautiful
Chancel Ringers

CELEBRATION OF 2023 GRADUATES

PRAYER AND 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY Harmon
Lord of the Dance
Chancel Choir

\*DOXOLOGY No. 95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION No. 163
Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

SCRIPTURE Acts 1:1-11
LEADER: Word of God for the people of God.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Rev. Emily Knight
"We wait. We trust. We grow in strength."

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 129
Give to the Winds Thy Fears

\*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

This morning's prelude, Angels of Innocence, is composed in memory of the 19 children and 2 adults killed at the Robb Elementary School shooting in Uvalde, Texas—almost a year ago today. The piece is composed (and now arranged for organ) by 11th grade student, Timothy 'Timmy' Jackson, Jr.

Worship Attendance - May 14, 2023

Table with 2 columns: Worship Type, Attendance. Rows: Contemporary Worship- In-person (84), Contemporary Worship- Online (49), Traditional Worship- In-person (115), Traditional Worship- Online (34), Total Worship (260).

Serving in Worship Today

Greeters 9 a.m.: Tim Bush & Chris Schmitz
Greeters 11 a.m.: Karen Fleming & Alica Frank
Ushers 11 a.m.: T.J. Laforty & Abel Hernandez
Tech Team 9 a.m.: Judy & Danny Marks
Tech Team 11 a.m.: Michael Bone & Millie Hudson
Liturgist: Clark Burner
Acolytes: Rhys Weisman & Diana Laforty

What's Happening This Week?

TODAY:
Worship: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Young Adult Brunch: 10:00 a.m.
New Member Class: 10:00 a.m.
Confirmation Class: 10:00 a.m. (Room 202)
Chancel Ringers: 5:00 p.m. (Room 201)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Service of Healing & Hope: Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Tai Chi: Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Yoga: Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. & Friday at 1:00 p.m. (Parlor)
Wednesday Night Ministry: Wed. at 5:30 p.m. (McCord Building)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. (Choir room)
Pastor's Study: Thursday at 2:00 p.m. (Library)

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given in honor of the Remo family for their servant hearts by Shirley Davis.

Free Wednesday Meals Served: 156

QR Code for Online Connect Card:





Especially if this is your first Sunday or first time in a while,  
**Welcome**  
to Riverside Park United Methodist Church!  
*We are glad that you are here.*

## CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

### Ascension Sunday

May 21, 2023

9:00 a.m.

**Gather with Song**  
*Promises - Maverick City Music*

**Welcome! Greet one another in Christ!**

*Beautiful One - Jeremy Camp*

**Scripture: Isaiah 40:27-31**

*Nothing Ever Could Separate Us - Citizen Way*

**Children's Message**  
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**Announcements**  
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**Celebration of 2023 Graduating Seniors**  
**Prayer**

**Offer Gifts to God**  
*Center - Charlie Hall*

**Proclaim God's Word**  
Acts 1:1-11  
"We wait. We trust. We grow in strength."  
Rev. Emily Knight

**Benediction and Sending**  
*We are Waiting - All Sons and Daughters*

*Hope & Healing Service*  
**This Tuesday, May 23 @ 6pm**  
**in the chapel**

## Pentecost

**Sunday, May 28th**  
(wear red or fiery colors)



**First Friday Friends**  
**June 2nd at 11 a.m.**  
**Lunch, Bingo, & Devotion**

## Youth Ministry News

Youth Lunch & Serve - 6/4 @ 12:15 p.m.  
Youth Group starts 6/11 @ 10 a.m.  
every Sunday in the Youth Room




Offerings can be placed in the sanctuary offering plates, mailed to the church (819 Park St. Jacksonville, FL 32204) or given online using "MyWell" (code to the right): [www.mywell.org/give/rpumc](http://www.mywell.org/give/rpumc)



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