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***“In the First 45 Minutes, Theophilus, I Will Cover Point One of My Three-Point Sermon on...”***



***Pastor Steven Clark  
Sunday, May 12, 2024  
10:00 AM Divine Worship***

### ***VISION STATEMENT***

*Our vision is to be so filled by the spirit of God that we obey God's revealed will in the Holy Scriptures, especially in the Gospel of Jesus Christ; loving one another, stewarding the resources God has given us and seeking to be transformed into the likeness of our Lord Jesus Christ, being his hands, feet and voice in the communities in which we live and work.*

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
MAY 12, 2024  
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

\*is the invitation for worshipers to rise in body or in spirit.

**GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

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**Gathering for Worship**

**Prelude**

**Welcome, Announcements and Stilling Silence**

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

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**\*Call to Worship**

(adapted from Psalm 47)

Come, everyone! Shout to God with joyful praise!

**For the Lord Most High is awesome; he is the great King of all the earth!**

God has ascended with a mighty shout; the Lord has ascended with trumpets blaring!  
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

**For he has chosen us, Jacob's descendants, whom he loves.  
The rulers of the world have gathered together  
with the people of the God of Abraham.**

For all the kings of the earth belong to God. He is highly honored everywhere.  
**We join with all the earth and worship the ascended King! Hallelujah!**

**\*Opening Hymn:**     *"Shout to the Lord"*

RED #603

**Acts 1:1-11-continued  
( NRSVUE)**

5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?"

7 He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

10 While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."



## THE WORD OF GOD

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Let us prepare for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of the Holy Scriptures. **Speak Lord, for Your servants are listening.**

**Scriptures:** Acts 1:1-11 (page 5 & 7)

**Sermon:** *“In the First 45 Minutes, Theophilus, I will Cover Point One of My Three-Point Sermon on ...”*

**Hymn of Meditation:** *“Baptized in Water”* RED #790

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

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### Call to Self– Offering

Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

### Offertory

#### \*Doxology:

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

### Gathering of Joys & Concerns

## Prayers of the People & 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.**

\*Closing Hymn *“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”* RED #615

#### \*Benediction

### Postlude

Today’s liturgical color is *White* for the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

## Acts 1:1-11 (NRSVUE)

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1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach

2 until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles who he had chosen.

3 After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

4 While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me;