

# Seventh Sunday of Easter Ascension Sunday

*\*Stand if you are able*

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Chiming of the Beginning of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

**\*Call to Worship** *Adapted from Psalm 68 by Dr. Lisa Hancock*

Beloved, let us worship God!

**Let us give praise to God,  
the one who rides upon the clouds!**

Parent to orphans and Protector of widows,

**God gives the desolate a home  
and leads the imprisoned into prosperity.**

As God led the Israelites through the wilderness  
and provided for them,

**we too find our dwelling in God's goodness  
and provision.**

The Rider in the heavens speaks throughout creation;

**We gather to listen and ascribe power to God!**

**Awesome is God in the sanctuary of creation!**

**Blessed be God! Amen.**

**\*Hymn** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* UMH 526

Gospel Reading **John 17:1-11**

*The Word of God for the people of God; Thanks be to God!*

Special Music arr. James Curnow

***Come Thou Almighty King***

Epistle Lesson **1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon **Casting Cares**

**\*Affirmation** *adapted from 1 Peter by Julie O'Neal*

We think about what weighs us down:

**Anxiety, concern, struggle, temptation, fear,  
sadness, and anger.**

We have been told:

**“Cast all your anxiety on him,  
because he cares for you.”**

Let us cast all that makes our hearts heavy on Jesus.

**And Christ himself will restore, support,  
strengthen, and establish us. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

*After the pastor prays, Lord, in your mercy, All may respond; Hear our prayer*

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

*An offering plate is located on the table near the entrance of the sanctuary.*

**\*Doxology and Offertory Prayer** UMH 95

**\*Hymn** *Make Me a Captive, Lord* UMH 421

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**\*Threefold Amen**

## Prayers and Praises

Shared the week of May 14: *Gloria McGurk, Katie Moore, Drew Pruitt, families of Madison Grotschel, Jayce Haverkos and Joseph Brandon Smith, Kathy Smith, Gary Slate*

May 7: *Jack's family, John Pantazis's family, Barbara Taylor;*  
Praises: *Katie in SS class, seeing Carol Holder at Music on the Hill, Gloria being back at home*

April 30: *WNCUMC Conference, the Blumenthal family, Barry & Joan Crotty, Chris Hayes family, families living with poverty & homelessness, David Plitt, Beatrice Newton, Tina Powers, Terry Cromer, Margaret Davis, Aston Vestal*

April 23: *families in transition; Praises: Rick Mende's new grandchild*

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*Prayer concerns lifted during worship service will be listed for four weeks.*

### Serving in Worship

**Today:** Ushers–Daryl Dixon, David & Susan Disher; Lector–Betty Bewley; Financial Officer–Brenda Barlow; Trustee–China Moore

**Next Sunday:** Ushers–Rick Mende, Beth Dixon, Larry Parks; Lector–Durwood Howell; Financial Officer–Brenda Barlow; Trustee–China Moore

### This Week at Burkhead United Methodist Church

Church Office is open Tuesday - Thursday, 10 am - 2 pm

Sunday, May 21 **Ascension Sunday/Seventh Sunday of Easter**

9:15 am New Life Sunday School class

9:30 am Seekers Sunday School class

10:15 am Fellowship Time

10:30 am Worship Service

6:00 pm **Music on the Hill - Sweet Dreams**

Monday, May 22

5:00 pm **Book Club - Brother to a Dragonfly**

6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 1929

Tuesday, May 23

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911

Sunday, May 28 **Day of Pentecost**

9:15 am New Life Sunday School class

9:30 am Seekers Sunday School class

10:15 am Fellowship Time

10:30 am Worship Service - Rev. Amber Harris

### **Upcoming Events**

Monday, May 29 **Memorial Day**

Saturday, June 3

3:00 pm **Memorial Service for Marge Serrano**

Sunday, June 4

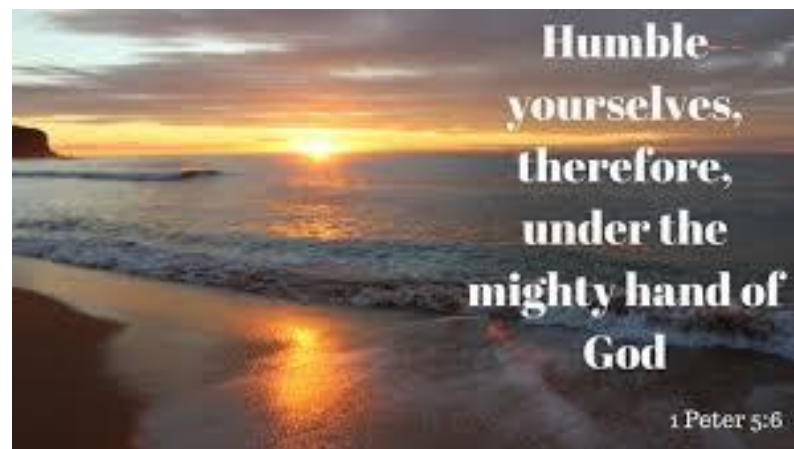
4:30 pm **Church Council meeting**

6:00 pm **Music on the Hill - Richard Harding**

Saturday, June 10

8:00 am **Church and Parsonage Work Day** - All are invited!

*More information is available at [www.burkheadumc.org](http://www.burkheadumc.org).*



## **Burkhead United Methodist Church**

**May 21, 2023**

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