

ONLINE WORSHIP MAY 16, 2021

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Introductions and Invitations

Welcome & Welcoming Music

Call to Worship

One: Mystery of God, draw us near.

All: Fill our minds with awe!
One: Wisdom of God, surprise us.
All: Encourage us with hope!

One: Glory of God, shine through our lives. All: Reveal your power and your glory!

One: In the mystery, the wisdom, the glory of God,

All: Let us worship!

Hymn #157

"Jesus Shall Reign (v. 1, 3, 5)

Opening Prayer

Unknowable God, on this most unsettling day, you drew Jesus to your side—promising his companions Spirit, power, mission, and purpose; calling his disciples to trust a future that they could not yet see. As we look to Jesus this day, give us the same hope of Spirit, power, mission and purpose, and call to trust a future that we too are yet unable to see. Guide us into your depths, that we may glimpse the Spirit already at work in our lives—revealing your truth and empowering us to bear witness to the risen Christ. We pray this in the name of Jesus, your Mystery, your Wisdom, your Glory.

Sharing the Peace of Christ (*greet fellow worshipers in the live chat as we sing song #333* "I'm Goin'a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing")

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children in Ministry
Music to Lift Our Spirits

Erich Grimm-Schmitt

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11

Message: "Next Steps" Lori Leopold

Liturgical elements from Abingdon Worship Annual.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Song of Prayer (we pray for God's guidance as we sing #3049 "Wait for the Lord")

Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer Offering of Gifts (followed by) Doxology

Prayer of Dedication (we read and pray aloud together)

Bless these gifts to be nourishment for a world hungry for your grace. Bless us to be nurturers of love for a world hungry for your compassion. Bless us to be one in ministry with you and with one another, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn #701

"When We All Get to Heaven" (v. 1-3)

Benediction

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

All are invited to share in virtual coffee time online via Zoom (may require app download).