

Colington United Methodist Church

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May 17, 2026
Ascension Sunday

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF ALTAR CANDLES

In Christ Alone

Getty, Townsend, Tournquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, we remember the blessings God gives us – the blessings of Resurrection, salvation, and new life in Christ.

We come to praise God for the blessings of Easter!

We recall the blessings of creation – of clean air and water, of food and shelter, of beauty and awe.

We come to praise God for the blessings of creation!

We share in the blessings of community – of family and friends, of church and home, of help that is given and received.

We come to praise God for the blessings of community!

We gather today to remember Christ's Ascension, when Jesus was taken up into heaven while blessing his disciples, marking not the end but the next chapter of God's saving work among us.

**We come to bless God with our praise as God continues to bless us with all that we need to live as God's Resurrection people. Thanks be to God!
Amen.**

INTROIT

Oh for a Thousand Tongues

OPENING PRAYER

Holy Christ Jesus, once incarnate in one time and culture, now reaching out to every nation and people: through your ascension teach us that you are for everyone. Make us aware that you are present in every context, and that we are called to embody the gospel of your reconciling presence, love, and justice throughout the world. Amen.

†OPENING HYMN

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise | UMH 312

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lamb of God | Pat Hansen, Ronnie Sue Pfeiffer

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 24:44-53

SERMON

“Ending and Beginning” | Louanne Ewald

†AFFIRMATION OF PRAISE

Majesty, Worship His Majesty | UMH 176

†THE APOSTLES' CREED | UMH 881

†CLOSING HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns | UMH 327

THIS WEEK AT COLINGTON

These opportunities to serve as the Body of Christ are available.

Tuesday – 9 am – Prayer Group

Thursday – 7:30am – FCA breakfast at FFMS

COMING UP

Next Sunday – 8:30 – choir practice

9:30 am – Worship, in-person and Facebook Live

Wed., May 27 – 11am Hosting Special Olympics lunch in Fellowship room.

Sun., May 31 – BBQ manna meal following worship. Please sign up for side dishes.

3pm – Deb Kasten's students' music recital.

Thanks to today's volunteers!

Ushers – Steve Knowles/Ozzie Gray

Scripture Reader – Trish Gray

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God