

## Order of Worship May 16, 2021

Welcome		Nilse Furtado-Gilliam
Introit	This Is My Commandment Angel Ringers	arr. Gibbs-Smith
Greeting		Shauna Dyer
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! Each day God brings to us new opportunities to learn and grow. God is near to all of us. We will not fear to call upon the Lord. Come, let us praise God who walks with us daily. Let us open our hearts and spirits to God who loves and lives with us.		
Opening Hymn	<b>Open the Eyes of My Heart</b> CUMC Praise Band	song sheet below
Opening Prayer		Dan Uscinski
Mighty God, by your grace you raised . to put down tyrannies and Glory to you for the gift of Glory to you for his saving Glory to you for your Son, o who lives and reigns as ou now and forever. Amen.	his life! death! our Savior,	

#### Scripture

#### Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 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. 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; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 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." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 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."

#### Sermon

### Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

## Offering Prayer

### Dan Uscinski

Holy Father, we desire to be sanctified in your grace like the disciples whom Jesus commissioned with your word. We do not want to squander our lives and resources on meaningless consumption. Open our hearts and our hands to respond to giving appeals in a generous manner. Give us the courage to embrace a lifestyle centered in your teaching, rather than one dictated by marketing trends or unhealthy spending habits. We offer you these gifts as an act of responding to you in faith. Amen.

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Children's Choir

#### Prayer

Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Most Holy and Almighty God, who created the earth and all that is in it:

Look with compassion upon the whole human family, when we fail to treat each other with the dignity your children merit. Free us from all arrogance and hatred, that our hearts and hands may be made clean in your sight.

Break down the walls we build to separate and divide us, for without your help we perish in our isolation and division. Forgive us our faults and sins, our hasty judgments and our rash presumption, for you alone are judge, and know the secret faults of every person.

Unite us in the bonds of love, that we may truly be your children. Comfort us in the loss of those we love and cherish, for you seek and find the lost, and preserve them in your care.

Enlighten us in our confusion and distress, That we may do your will in peace and harmony.

Even in the midst of our anguish and our pain, in our memory of loss and destruction, we turn to you, O Lord our God, and give you thanks, for your continued mercies and the gift of hope.

We thank you for inspired hearts and helping hands, For all who work to recover and rebuild.

We thank you for the skill and care of those who heal the wounded, and comfort those who mourn, Give them strength and courage in their task.

We thank you for the leaders of [our city], of our nation, and our world, Give them the wisdom and patience to choose your path.

We thank you for all who seek the truth, who love justice and mercy, and who walk in your ways, Give them the humbleness of spirit to love and serve you always.

We thank you for the knowledge of your continued presence with us. For you will not leave us comfortless.

You are the God who works wonders, In you only is our trust.

O God, you are the source of wisdom, justice, love and peace: Give us in our present need the light of your wisdom, the courage of your justice, the patience of your love and the assurance of your peace. Amen.

### Hymn

## Crown Him with Many Crowns

Lauren and Audrey Smith

### **Benediction**

Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

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Before us it is blessed, behind us it is blessed, below us it is blessed, above us it is blessed, around us it is blessed as we set out with Christ. Our speech is blessed as we set out for God. With beauty before us, with beauty behind us, with beauty below us, with beauty above us, with beauty around us, we set out for a holy place indeed. Amen. (TRADITIONAL NAVAHO PRAYER, ALT.)

> Morning Worship Clarendon Ringers

Postlude

Fran Trezona

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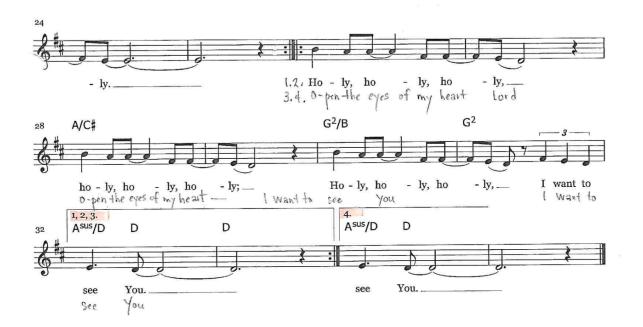
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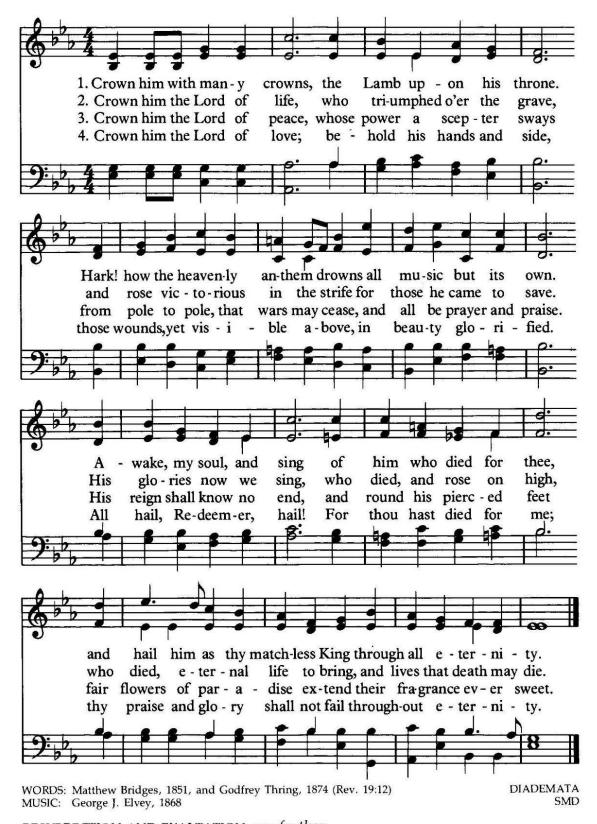
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