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...rooted in the word, growing in faith, reaching out to our uprooted world.

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**The Ascension of Our Lord (observed) and Mother's Day
May 12, 2024**

A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entry way of the church or on the coat rack downstairs. The bathrooms are located in the lower level of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entry way. Also, refreshments are served in the fellowship hall after our service this morning. We invite you to join us for something to eat and drink.

Our lower level is wired for sound. If you need to take your child out during the service, you won't miss any of the sermon. The service is also simulcast on the church's Facebook page.

In the unlikely event of an emergency during this morning's service, you can exit the building using the main entryway or the exit to the right of the chancel. Our building does have a fire alarm system which is wired directly to the fire department. Remember, we follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" response in an emergency.

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God Comforts His People with His Forgiveness

THEME FOR THE DAY -- CHRIST'S ASCENSION MEANS HE IS CLOSER THAN EVER

Conventional wisdom would say if Christ has ascended into heaven, He is further away from His followers than when He was visibly on earth. The resurrection reality is that it is the other way around. Now that Christ has ascended, He is closer than ever. The living and ascended Savior has reassumed full use of all His divine power. So if you need Christ's help, you don't need to hunt for Him in Galilee. You call to Him in prayer, wherever you are, whenever you want, and He hears and acts. You want to hear Jesus speak? You don't need to chase Him down. Open His Word and listen to His powerful, life-giving voice.

The ascension marks the completion of Jesus' earthly mission, but it does not signify the end of His work. Christ ascended to exercise His limitless authority for the Church as we carry out our mission to be Christ's ambassadors of grace to the world. Therefore, the Festival of the Ascension is one of the oldest and most joyful celebrations in the Christian Church. It will be observed by Christians until Christ returns to take us to be with Him.

HYMN CW 700 "Draw Us to Thee" (CW93 170)

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (spoken) Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION

(1 John 1:8-9)

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from Your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

(John 20:21-23)

("The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to His church on earth: to forgive the sins of the penitent sinners." Luther's Small Catechism: The Use of the Keys and Confession.)

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ has ascended. Christ will come again. By the death and resurrection of God's Son Jesus Christ, death has been swallowed up forever. Hear the word of Christ through His called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

KYRIE

(Mark 10:47)

(These are the words to the oldest canticle in the Christian church, the Kyrie.)

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

M: O Lord, who promised to send Your Holy Spirit upon Your followers,

C: have mercy on us.

M: O Christ, who is alive and is seated at God's right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come,

C: have mercy on us.

M: O Lord, who ascended to the Father's right hand and will come again in clouds with great power and glory,

C: have mercy on us, and grant us Your peace.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for You.

C: Amen.

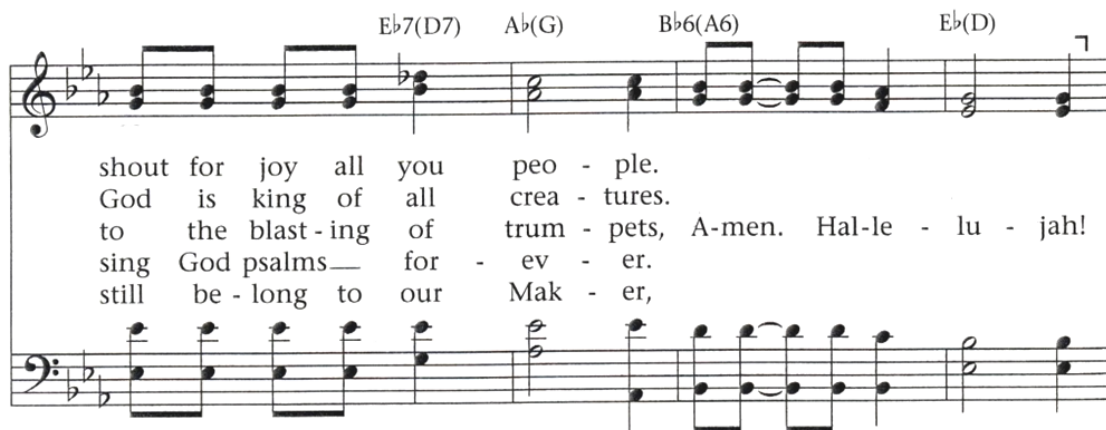
SONG OF PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the ascended Lord.



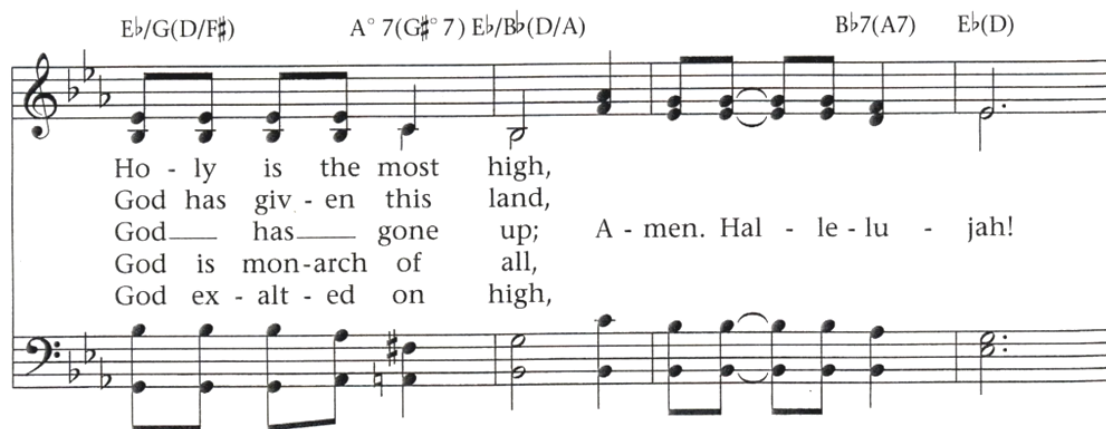
1 Clap your hands all you na - tions;
 2 God sub - dues ev - ery na - tion;
 3 To the shout - ing in tri - umph, A - men. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 4 Praise the Lord with your sing - ing;
 5 Those on earth who are might - y,

E \flat 7(D7) A \flat (G) B \flat 6(A6) E \flat (D)



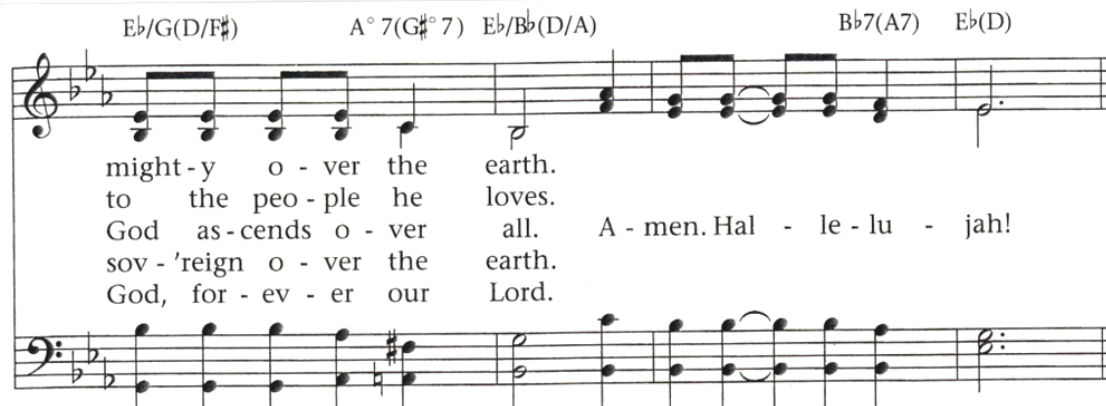
shout for joy all you peo - ple.
 God is king of all crea - tures.
 to the blast - ing of trum - pets, A - men. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 sing God psalms— for - ev - er.
 still be - long to our Mak - er,

E \flat /G(D/F \sharp) A $^\circ$ 7(G \sharp $^\circ$ 7) E \flat /B \flat (D/A) B \flat 7(A7) E \flat (D)



Ho - ly is the most high,
 God has giv - en this land,
 God— has— gone up; A - men. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 God is mon - arch of all,
 God ex - alt - ed on high,

E \flat /G(D/F \sharp) A $^\circ$ 7(G \sharp $^\circ$ 7) E \flat /B \flat (D/A) B \flat 7(A7) E \flat (D)



might - y o - ver the earth.
 to the peo - ple he loves.
 God as - cends o - ver all. A - men. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 sov - 'reign o - ver the earth.
 God, for - ev - er our Lord.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

(The salutation is a Christian greeting, offered here for mutual encouragement as the congregation prepares to hear God's word.)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M & C: Lord Jesus, King of glory, forty days after Your resurrection, You ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand You rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at Your command and by Your power we may be Your witnesses in all the world; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

[We sit at the feet of Jesus like Mary did, to hear His word (Luke 10:42).]

FIRST LESSON ACTS 1:1-11 *(Before Jesus ascends, He promises to send His disciples the Holy Spirit so that He could continue to carry out His saving work through the Church.)*

¹ In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day He was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles He had chosen.³ After His suffering, He presented Himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that He was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while He was eating with them, He gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift My Father promised, which you have heard Me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶ Then they gathered around Him and asked Him, "Lord, are You at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by His own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹ After He said this, He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as He was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven." (NIV 2011)

VERSE OF THE DAY Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age. Alleluia. (Matthew 28:20b NIV)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:

"Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by His blood."

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him when the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise: "I am with you evermore"? (CW 169)**

Please Stand

(The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.)

M: The gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL LUKE 24:44-53 *(The risen Savior ascended, and His disciples responded with joyful worship.)*

⁴⁴He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about Me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.⁴⁶He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what My Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰When He had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, He lifted up His hands and blessed them. ⁵¹While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵²Then they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God. (NIV 2011)

After the Gospel:

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY CW 476 “On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build” (CW93 173)

(The Hymn of the Day is a hymn specially assigned to this day for its richness, its content and its connection to the day’s Gospel.)

THE SERMON

OFFERING

The ushers will gather the offering which will then be placed on the Lord’s Altar. Offerings can also be given electronically by using your smart phone and the QR code which takes you to the donation part of New Life’s website.



OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(1 Timothy 2:1)

THE SACRAMENT

(God in His word makes it clear that Holy Communion is to be shared by people of a common proclamation of faith (1 Corinthians 11:26, 1 Corinthians 10:16). So, without judging anyone's heart, we invite those who share in our confession by their membership in our church body, and who are properly prepared (1 Corinthians 11:27), to come to the front and receive the Sacrament.)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you. (spoken)

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *(Latin for "Holy," tune CW 441)*

(Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9)



1 Sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, the God by all a - dored."
2 "Ho - san - na in the high-est" sing and bless the com - ing One.



The heav'ns a - bove and earth be - low His glo - ry ev - er tell.
Our Lord is here and with Him we shall now and ev - er dwell.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Jesus took bread and "gave thanks." (Matthew 26:26)

M: Blessed are You, O Lord God, King of the Universe. Before the foundation of the world, You chose to redeem us with the precious blood of Your Son, a lamb without blemish or defect.

We give You humble and heartfelt thanks.

The iniquity in which we were conceived,

Has been cleansed by the mystery of His holy incarnation;

Our self-absorbed youth has been sanctified

By His birth, circumcision and obedience;

Our self-willed lives have been brought into conformity

With Your holy will by His Baptism, fasting and temptation;

The head of our adversary, the serpent

Has been crushed by Christ's bloody agony, sweat and scourging;
The gloomy portal of death has become the gate to everlasting life
Through His precious cross, death and burial.
Strengthen our faith through this heavenly food that, as partakers in Christ's glorious resurrection, we may, together, recline at the wedding feast of the Lamb, and hear us now as we join in praying...

LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI *(Latin for "Lamb of God," tune CW 441)*

(John 1:29)



1 O ho - ly spot - less Lamb of God, our sins You take a - way.
2 O ho - ly, spot - less Lamb of God, our sins You take a - way.



Have mer - cy, Lord, Your mer - cy show, and hear us as we pray.
Have mer - cy, Lord, and send us peace as we live out this day.

DISTRIBUTION

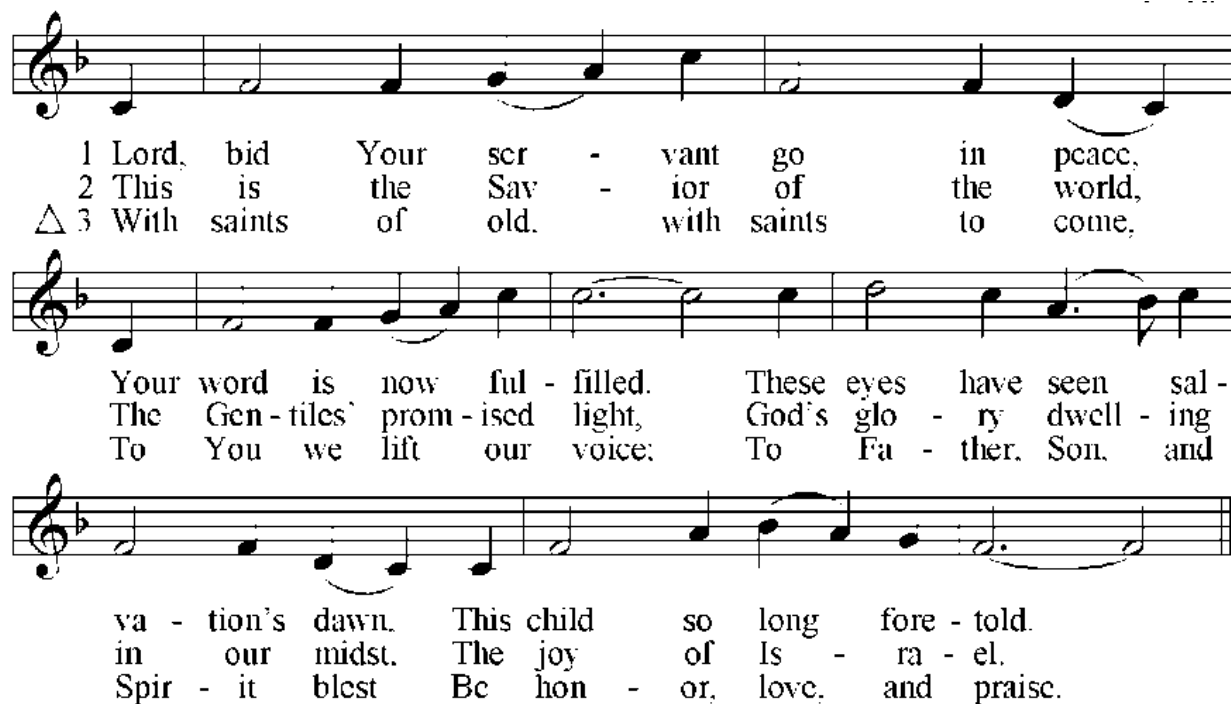
During the distribution the congregation will sing **CW 472** “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing” (CW93 171)

THANKSGIVING

Please stand.

NUNC DIMITTIS (*Latin for “Now Dismiss,” tune CW 215*)

(Luke 2:29-32)



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,
△ 3 With saints of old. with saints to come,
Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
To You we lift our voice: To Fa - ther, Son, and
va - tion's dawn. This child so long fore - told.
in our midst. The joy of Is - ra - el.
Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

PRAYER

M: With joyful hearts we give You thanks, almighty God, that You never leave us or forsake us but are always with us, especially when You give strength to our faith and love through this wonderful Sacrament. Now go with us as You have promised that we bring Your joy, salvation, and hope to all the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.



1 Dis - ci - ples of our Lord With awe be - held Christ
2 Un - til that fi - nal hour His Gos - pel in - to
3 Then let us work to - day, The night when none can



rise as clouds ob - scured Him. Their eyes where He had soared
all the world be tak - ing; The prom - ised Spir - it's pow'r
toil ad - vanc - es near - er. With bright and splen - did ray



Trans-fixed, un - til the an - gels' words as - sured them:
Shall go with you, new life in hearts a - wak - ing.
May God's great love shine through us, al - ways clear - er.

Refrain



"Gaze not in - to the sky with heart and soul sus - pend - ed.



This Je - sus whom you love Has now to heav'n as - cend - ed, as -



cend - ed, as - cend - ed; He'll come a - gain when time has end - ed!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week
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Cleaning this Week: Dall

Today—Mother's Day / Ascension Day (observed) Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class in the New Life Café at 10:45 AM

No Confirmation Class (Mother's Day)

Tuesday—Branch Connection at 4:30 PM

Wednesday—Tone Chime Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 PM

Friday—Men's Bible Class at 11:30 AM

Next Sunday—The Day of Pentecost Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class in the New Life Cafe at 10:45 AM

Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP SHEET

A new sign-up sheet has been posted for providing something to eat and drink after the Sunday service. The sheet covers April 2024 through July 2024.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Branch Connection will have a rummage sale on June 15. Please start setting aside the items you'd like to donate.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Thanks to the church council for providing breakfast before the service this morning.