

Clear Lake United Methodist Church

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Rev. Sylvester Holima, Pastor



Sunday, May 21, 2023

9:30 am

7th Sunday of EASTER

(=Please stand as able)*

GATHERING

"Symphony from the Bell Anthem" -- Henry Purcell
"Sonatina from God's Time is Best" – J.S. Bach
"Toccata in F-Major" – Dietrich Buxtehude

PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #895

CALL TO WORSHIP

Clap your hands for joy, all peoples! Praise God with loud songs!

The LORD, the Most High, is to be feared; he is a great king, ruling over all the world.

He gave us victory over the peoples; he made us rule over the nations.

He chose for us the land where we live, the proud possession of his people, whom he loves.

God goes up to his throne. There are shouts of joy and the blast of trumpets, as the LORD goes up.

Sing praise to God; sing praise to our king!

*OPENING HYMN

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

UMH#126

*OPENING PRAYER

Everliving God, your eternal Christ once dwelt on earth, confined by time and space. Give us faith to discern in every time and place the presence among us of him who is head over all things and fills all, even Jesus Christ our ascended Lord. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT AND EPISTLE READINGS: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23

- ANTHEM** *He Is Exalted – Twila Paris* Choir
- *GOSPEL READING:** John 17:1-11
- MESSAGE** “Father, Glorify Your Son” Pastor Sylvester
- *THE DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH#95
- *OFFERTORY PRAYER**
- *CLOSING HYMN** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* UMH #327
- *BENEDICTION**
- *POSTLUDE** *Rondo – John Bull/Richard Ellsasser*

Worship Leaders

Pastor – Sylvester Holima
Choir Director – Colton Ironside
Accompanist – Mary Jane Crail
Liturgist – Lesley Finn

Media

Sound/Slides – Mark Brandt
Slide Creator – Marcia Grabinski/Vicki Young
Streaming – Lee Walston

Hospitality

Greeters – Penny Havig
Sacred Grounds – Kathy Larsen, Renee Davis

Today’s Music: From a historical perspective, we need to mention this Ascension Sunday for also being the day we honor the newly crowned “Chief” of Sierra Leone, Michael Watson, for his 37 years as the caretaker of our physical church building and grounds. The Toccata and the Rondo are among his favorite organ pieces; and we should probably send his vacuum sweeper, mops and snow shovels to the Smithsonian. **Thank you, Mike!**