

Date: May 12, 2024

Text: Hebrews 12:4-13

Series: Hebrews: Hope in the Wilderness

Title: The Good News About Hard Times

Ascension Sunday

Call to Worship

Leader: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

People: For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.

Leader: God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

People: Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

Leader: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

People: Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises;

People: Sing praises to our King, sing praises.

From Psalm 47 and
Hebrews 4:14-16

Confession of Sin

Leader: The LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

People: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silent confession of sin)

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

People: I am confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Based on Psalm 149, 1 John 1, James 4,
Ephesians 2, and Philippians 1

Profession of Faith

Leader: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners

People: For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

Leader: Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

People: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

1 Timothy 1:15; 2:5-6; 3:16