

JESUS said, Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Luke 24:49 - 51, Acts 1: 8, 10, 11

Welcome to everyone on this special Sunday when we recall the amazing ascension of our Lord. The ascension symbolizes that the risen Christ — no longer confined to a human body — is now available to all people in the world no matter where they might be. Therefore, let us joyfully accept the presence of our Savior here and now.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The second offering this morning is our monthly Building Repair offering.

May 9 - Zone Rally at Schenectady

May 11 - Pentecost Sunday

Mother's Day

May 12-16 - Work Week at Victory Grove

May 18 - Trinity Sunday

May 23 - Youth Night

May 30-31 - Youth Campout & Work Bee at Victory Grove Camp.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Our sister church to pray for this week is **Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania**. Albert Barr is the pastor.
- From our Cobleskill church, recent requests include Leo, Marjorie, Judy, and Barbara.
- Pray for a family whose son committed suicide this week.
- Physical Needs -
 - New requests include 2-year-old **Shawn**, Maureen Whittaker's father, Kathy Moltzen's mother, and Sandy Griesemer's mother.
 - Let's be faithful to pray for **Brian Edwards, Rosemary Snyder, Charles Heckman, Jean Ford, Bob Zeh, Mark Vosburgh, Kathy Moltzen, and Mary Jane Fuller.**
- Continue to pray for:
 - The village of **Middleburgh**, that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
 - Our young people in college, including **Lyndsay France, Seth & Isaac Owens**, and **Keith Posson**. Pray for our students as they study, and also that they can be strong in their faith in the life lessons that come their way.
 - Our service personnel, especially **Ryan Mills, Wesley Lum, Jacob Eggleston** and **Donnie Gray** (in Iraq), **Anthony & Joyce Willey** (Italy), **Eric Wells** (flight school), and **Brian Sickler**.
 - *Our missionaries, especially **Bev Fay, the Wellses, the Shermans, and the Hunters.***
 - The upcoming elections; our country, and our President and government leaders, that they may make Godly choices.
- Please let us know of anyone who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or would like a home visit.

SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 AM, Morning Worship 11:00 AM, Cobleskill 4:00 PM, Evening 7:00 PM — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 PM — FRIDAY: Women's Meeting 10:00 AM

According to the the account given in Acts, 40 days after His resurrection, Christ told his friends that they would be receiving the Holy Spirit and the experience would give them the power to be His witnesses. Afterward, he was “lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight” (Acts 1:9).

There are several lessons we can draw from this event:

1. The risen Christ is not with us physically, but wherever we are, Christ’s Spirit is present as our guide and strength.
2. Christ is an intercessor on our behalf before God (Hebrews 7:25).
3. The Resurrection and the Ascension are conclusive proof that Jesus is Lord and King. He has defeated sin and death, and lives forever as our companion, supporter, friend and Savior.

Jesus is coming again. God has promised this in his Word, the Bible. Jesus himself also promised it as did the angels at the time of Christ's ascension into heaven. And all the signs that Jesus and the Bible said would precede his return are evident today also reminding us that Christ's return could be very soon. If it were today, would you be ready?

Jesus has commissioned all of us to spread his message of salvation to everyone everywhere (Mark 16:15). Jesus said that, "This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come" (Matthew 24:14). Never has this been more possible than it is today because our generation has the greatest means of worldwide communications the world has ever seen.

Suggested Daily Scripture Reading

	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
OT	Judges 19:1-20:48	Judges 21:1-Ruth 1:22	Ruth 2:1-4:22	1 Samuel 1:1-2:21
NT	John 3:22-4:3	John 4:4-42	John 4:43-54	John 5:1-23
PSA	Psalms 104:24-35	Psalms 105:1-15	Psalms 105:16-36	Psalms 105:37-45
PROV	Proverbs 4	Proverbs 5	Proverbs 6	Proverbs 7
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	
	1 Samuel 2:22-4:22	1 Samuel 5:1-7:17	1 Samuel 8:1-9:27	
	John 5:24-47	John 6:1-21	John 6:22-42	
	Psalms 106:1-12	Psalms 106:13-31	Psalms 106:32-48	
	Proverbs 8	Proverbs 9	Proverbs 10	