

Worship Planner for Sunday, May 17, 2026

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

[Lucknow- Lighting Christ Candle]

Responsive Call to Worship

Let us be joyful before God!

We will sing praises to God's holy name.

Let us lift up a song to the One who rides upon the clouds,

who protects orphans and widows and gives the desolate a home.

Sing to God, all nations of the earth.

We will sing praises to the Lord, our God!

Opening Hymn #773 Jesus bids us shine

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer

. . . with this our prayer of confession:

God of mercy; we confess

the times when we forget you

and are divided from one another,

and how often our thoughts, words,

and actions betray

your goodness and our calling.

Forgive us, merciful God.

Mend what is broken,

heal our wounded relationships

and convert our hearts and minds,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

who taught us to pray saying,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Music Ministry

Family Focus

Hymn #298 Glory be to God the Father

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Responsive Psalm 24 The Great King

The world and all that is in it belong to the Lord;
the earth and all who live on it are his.

**He built it on the deep waters beneath the earth
and laid its foundations in the ocean depths.**

Who has the right to go up the Lord's hill?
Who may enter his holy Temple?

**Those who are pure in act and in thought,
who do not worship idols
or make false promises.**

The Lord will bless them and save them;
God will declare them innocent.

**Such are the people who come to God,
who come into the presence of the God of Jacob.**

Fling wide the gates,
open the ancient doors,
and the great king will come in.

Who is this great king?

**He is the Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, victorious in battle.**

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The triumphant Lord—he is the great king!

Acts 1:1-11 Dear Theophilus

In my first book I wrote about all the things that Jesus did and taught from the time he began his work until the day he was taken up to heaven. Before he was taken up, he gave instructions by the power of the Holy Spirit to the men he had chosen as his apostles. For forty days after his death he appeared to them many times in ways that proved beyond doubt that he was alive. They saw him, and he talked with them about the Kingdom of God. And when they came together, he gave them this order: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift I told you about, the gift my Father promised. John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Jesus Is Taken Up to Heaven

When the apostles met together with Jesus, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time give the Kingdom back to Israel?” Jesus said to them, “The times and occasions are set by my Father's own authority, and it is not for you to know when they will be. But when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power, and you will be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, in all of Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” After saying this, he was taken up to heaven as they watched him, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They still had their eyes fixed on the sky as he went away, when two men dressed in white suddenly stood beside them and said, “Galileans, why are you standing there looking up at the sky? This Jesus, who was taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way that you saw him go to heaven.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Fling wide the gates

Hymn #13 Ye gates, lift up your heads (with Coda)

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology #661

We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

Prayer of Dedication

Mission Moment

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn #726 May the God of hope go with us everyday (Two verses)

Benediction

Benediction Song

Musical Postlude