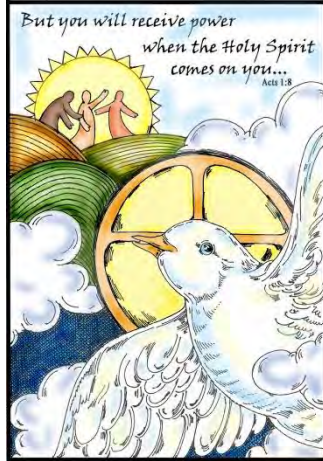


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Rising Up in a Cloud



In today's Bible reading in the New Testament book of Acts, we learn that when Jesus was ready to return to heaven, He wanted to make sure the disciples understood everything that had happened to Him. Jesus explained why it was important for Him to be crucified and to be raised from death to fulfill what the Scriptures had said about Him. Jesus also told them he was going to return to God in heaven and that the Holy Spirit would come to be with them.

At first, the disciples were sad Jesus would be leaving them, but then the Bible tells us Jesus opened their minds so they would understand. Then, an amazing thing happened! The Bible tells us Jesus lifted his hand and blessed the disciples. While Jesus was blessing them, He was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight.

Where in the Word is the Word?

The Word can mean many things:

- The Word = God's messages for God's people
- The Word = Jesus, our Savior, God's Son
- The Word = The Bible, the story of God's people
- The Word = A sermon or homily spoken

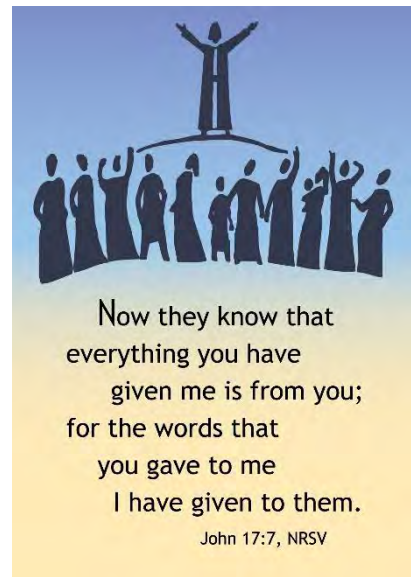
Where in the Bible do we find the scripture readings for today?

Book of the Bible	Chapter	Verses
Acts	1	6-14
John	17	1-11

“Finish well”

Jesus said one way to praise God is to complete the work God gives us to do. Starting the work is one thing, but finishing the work is what really matters. Completing the work God gives us is what pleases God. Jesus finished the work God gave him to do and was lifted to heaven.

- I wonder what work God has given you to do
- I wonder if God is pleased with our work
- I wonder what work God has given Shadyside Church to do



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Where are we now?

*Place an X next to each part of the worship service after we have done it
You can find each of these in the Worship Bulletin*

Part of Worship Liturgy	Done
PRELUDE	
CALL TO WORSHIP	
HYMN IN PROCESSION	
PRAYER OF ADORATION	
ORISON	
PRAYER OF CONFESSION	
SILENT CONFESSION	
KYRIE ELEISON	
ASSURANCE OF PARDON	
GLORIA PATRI <i>(children may leave with their teachers)</i>	
WELCOME	
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	
A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES	
ANTHEM	
GOSPEL	
SERMON	
HYMN OF RESPONSE	
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	
PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER	
OFFERING ANTHEM and COLLECTION OF OFFERING	
DOXOLOGY	
OFFERTORY PRAYER	
HYMN	
BENEDICTION	
The annual meetings of our church begin immediately after the service ends. You may stay for the meetings; they don't last long and you can learn a lot.	

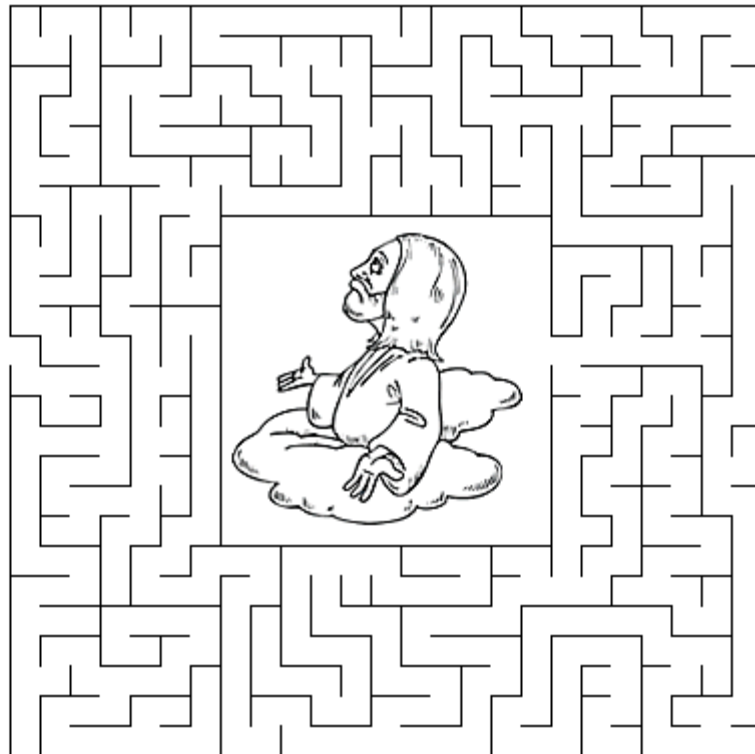
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How many different words can you make using letters in the word CONGREGATION?

For example:

1. CONE
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.
- 13.
- 14.

Start Here



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The Ascension of Jesus

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. Luke 24:51 (NIV)

Based on Luke 24:44-53



B T Q O M D Q S U F F E R U F
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 G X N Q O F S M Z Z H N U C O
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 A X A B D I L P E U V V N O R
 D E C N K U N P L F J S D Q S
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RISE	REPENT	PROPHETS	TAKEN
SUFFER	PSALMS	OPENED	FORGIVE
HEAVEN	SCRIPTURE	FULFILLED	MOSES
WORSHIPED	BLESSING	UNDERSTAND	MINDS