



A FUTURE  
WITH HOPE

# ASCENSION



*An Open and Affirming Congregation*

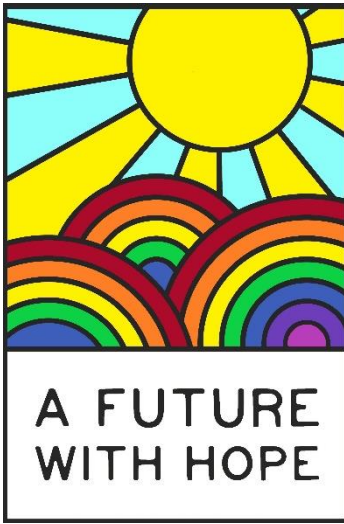
The Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier, Pastor



# A Future With Hope

The 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

May 15, 2022



Ascension  
United Church of Christ  
The 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration  
1847-2022

"I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says God, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

+ Jeremiah 29:10-11

*A Service of Word & Sacrament  
Celebrating the Ascension of the 175 Years of  
The Reformed Church of the Ascension  
United Church of Christ*

**Order of Worship**

**PRELUDE**

“Air” (Handel)

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
CHIMING OF THE HOUR  
RECEIVING THE LIGHT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*please rise*

**Leader:** I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation.

**People:** **In the wisdom of the spirit,  
let us worship God.**

*Ephesians 1:15-17 adapted*

**GATHERING HYMN**

“Here In This Place” *Glory to God 401*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Leader:** Siblings, as we gather in praise and thanksgiving to celebrate 175 years as a community of faith, it is appropriate that we open our hearts to God in a time of confession. Let us pray.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Merciful and loving God, we journey as your people through signs of crisis and signs of hope, through a world of injustice and warfare. We need always to re-commit ourselves to works of repentance – to reparation, redress, and revaluing. We pray that our journey may be faithful, guided by a passion for your justice and your peace. Help us, especially, to see how our lives contribute to the suffering of others. We admit our complicity with the forces of destruction as we selfishly purchase, invest, and consume, hoarding goods and not caring for the consequences to this earth or its people. We have failed to let this world lie fallow; we have injured the environment; we have hurt your creation.

**All: O God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for release from captivity to wealth and power. We pray for clarity to see how our lives often contribute to the suffering of others. Restore us so that we might proclaim jubilee for ourselves, for others, and for creation. Grant us courage to break the enslaving chains of debt that bind your people.

**All: O God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We confess that we have ignored injustice in ownership of land, silently observing occupation of lands by aggressors, and in silence seeing the lands of peoples being taken from them. We pray for courage to speak for the restoration of properties to original owners.

**All: O God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We confess that we render invisible those who are enslaved in this very time, we distance ourselves from those who are exploited, and from those who produce goods for unjust wages. Show us how to feel compassion for all your people and passion for healing change and grant us courage to break the enslaving chains that bind your people.

All: **O God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us be in silent prayer, reflecting on ourselves, our world, and our neighbors.

*silent prayer of confession*

## KYRIE

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 2 Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri -  
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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” *Glory to God 591*

## THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

*please be seated*

Acts 1:6-11

Psalm 47

## MEDITATION

Reverend Dwayne Mosier, Pastor

## HYMN

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower” *Glory to God 250*

## THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

*please rise*

Luke 13:18-19

Jeremiah 29:11-14a

## MEDITATION

Reverend William P. Worley, PSEC Conference Minister

**HYMN** “Let Us Build a House” *Glory to God 301*

## OBSERVANCE OF THE 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

**ANTHEM** “Jesus Is the Living Stone” (Mary McDonald)

## THE OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & OURSELVES

## THE INVITATION

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Leader:** The Lord be with you,

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Leader:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Leader:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Leader:** This is the day that you have made, O Lord, the first day of the week, when you created light out of darkness by the power of your Word and Spirit, when you created life out of death, raising Jesus from the grave.

**All (singing):** *musical setting Glory to God 565*  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,**  
**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Leader:** Let us pray: O Lord Our God,

**People:** **we cry to you for help.** *Psalms 30:2*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*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.*

*Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.*

*Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

### **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

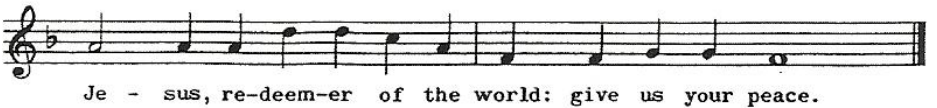
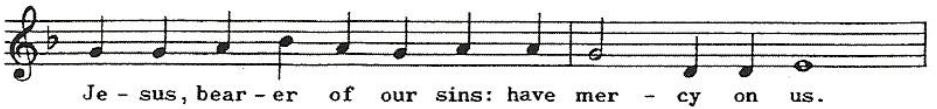
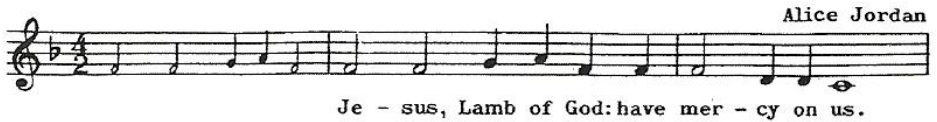
**Leader:** God of grace, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine.  
Make us one people, one body in Christ, as we  
seek to show your steadfast love and proclaim the  
good news of salvation. Make a place for us at  
your heavenly banquet so that we may eat and  
drink with thanksgiving when all things are  
fulfilled in your holy realm. Through Christ, with  
Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,  
now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## BREAKING THE BREAD & POURING THE WINE

Leader: Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing we share in the new life Christ gives.

### LAMB OF GOD



Leader: And Christ was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

People: Amen.

### PARTAKING OF THE MEAL

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*in unison*

**Bountiful God, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**



**CLOSING HYMN**

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King!” *Glory to God 363*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

**POSTLUDE**

“Hornpipe” (Handel)

*The Flowers are given to the Glory of God,  
in loving memory of sisters,  
Arlene Kurylo and Virginia Slavin  
by their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.*

**Birthdays**

**5/15-5/21/2022**

*Mimi Desouza (19)*

**Anniversaries**

**5/15-5/21/2022**

*Dan & Eileen Weckerly (21)*

# 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sponsors of our Luncheon

Dedicated to the great cloud of witnesses that surround us—those before us, those with us and those yet to come!

B: Reverend Dwayne & Cindy Mosier and Family

In memory of my friend, Doris Kulp

By: Pat Angelucci

In memory of my parents,  
George & Alma M. Klehamer

By: George Klehamer

In memory of my mother, Margareta Alb

By: Stela Suto

In memory of our deceased loved ones

By: Bob & Nancy Fryer

In memory of my husband, Dick Trow

By: Kitty Trow

In honor of my wife Nancy for 58 plus years  
of unconditional love!

By: Bob Fryer

In honor of Lydia Mosier

By: Mary Lambon

Best wishes to the Ascension Congregation!

By: Jack, Diane, & Michele Kline

Robin & Rick Weed

Liz Brunton

Ethan Brunton

Michele Luke

Sandy Dounce

Molly Lorenz

Jan Backes

Florence Shore

Judy & Rich Parker

Ken & Denise Kline

Sandy Maben

Linda Freedman

Joan Hagerman

Barbara Thampi

Kimberly Cornwell

Jennifer Satterwhite

## Recognitions

The 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee:  
Molly Lorenz (Chair), Liz Brunton, Sandy Dounce,  
Joan Hagerman, Rev. Judith Meier,  
Barbara Montague-Graham, Cindy Mosier, Judy Parker,  
Robin Weed, and Pastor Dwayne Mosier

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We thank Reverend William P. Worley,  
Conference Minister of the Pennsylvania Southeast  
Conference of the United Church of Christ for  
participating in our worship service today.

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The resources used today are from the worship services of  
General Synod 26 in Harford, June 2007. They are made  
available for use on the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of the United Church of Christ.

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We thank the string group, Allegro Music, of Glenmoore, PA,  
for performing for us today.

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We thank our special guests:

Susan Clauser, Keystone Opportunity Center

Monica D'Antonio, One Book One Norristown

Rev. John Dorhauer, President, United Church of Christ

William Fuller, POWER Metro

Angelique Hinton, Norristown NAACP

Rev. Paul Jones, former Ascension Pastor

Roseanne Malazzio, W. Norriton Township Commissioner

Anne Pavone, W. Norriton Township Commissioner

Rachel Rutter, Project Libertad

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We thank Addyson Gear and Lydia Mosier for making our chocolates for our Luncheon.

# Pastors of Ascension Church

The Reverend John R. Kookan	1847-1852
The Reverend George D. Wolf	1848-1852
The Reverend John S. Ermentrout	1852-1858
The Reverend Peter S. Davis	1859-1864
The Reverend Daniel Gans	1864-1870
The Reverend Edward O. Forney	1871-1873
The Reverend Henry Martyn Kieffer	1873-1884
The Reverend John O. Johnson	1884-1886
The Reverend Samuel R. Bridenbaugh	1886-1892
The Reverend Cyrus J. Musser	1892-1896
The Reverend Charles E. Schaeffer	1896-1898
The Reverend Warren J. Johnson	1898-1899
The Reverend Harry Waller Bright	1899-1926
The Reverend Edward O. Butkofsky	1926-1932
The Reverend Calvin H. Wingert	1933-1939
The Reverend James William Bright	1940-1952
The Reverend Maeder (interim)	1952-1953
The Reverend R. Maxwell Paine	1953-1972
The Reverend Edwin E. Staudt, III	1972-1976
The Reverend Rosemary Staudt	1972-1976
The Reverend David Cowle (interim)	1976-1977
The Reverend Harry Donald Smith	1977-1979
The Reverend Harold Baer (interim)	1980-1981
The Reverend Russell Yoder	1981-1987
The Reverend Melody Herr (interim)	1987-1988
The Reverend Paul Jones	1988-1994
The Reverend Donald Floyd (interim)	1994-1996
The Reverend Dwayne Alan Mosier	1996-

# Members Anniversaries

## **Eighty-Two Year Member**

Patricia Wirz Beazer Confirmed 1940\*

Sally Greger Shaw Confirmed 1940\*

## **Seventy-Eight Year Member**

Samuel L. Fryer Confirmed April 11, 1944

## **Seventy-Three Year Member**

David Fryer Confirmed April 10, 1949

## **Sixty-Nine Year Member**

Adele Fryer Letter of Transfer March 29, 1953

## **Sixty-Eight Year Member**

George Klehamer Confirmed April 11, 1954

Patricia Angelucci Letter of Transfer 1954\*

## **Sixty-Five Year Member**

Robert Fryer Confirmed April 14, 1957

## **Sixty-One Year Member**

Willis G. Frick Jr. Confirmed March 26, 1961

## **Fifty-Seven Year Member**

Raymond Kent Eisenberger Confirmed June 6, 1965

William Rosen Confirmed June 6, 1965

## **Fifty-Five Year Member**

S. Lee Fryer Confirmed March 19, 1967

Nancy Rosen Confirmed March 19, 1967

Robin Slavin Weed Confirmed March 19, 1967

## **Fifty Year Member**

Denise Slavin Kline Confirmed March 26, 1972

Charles Schaller Confirmed March 26, 1972

## **Forty-Eight Year Member**

Barbara Thampi Letter of Transfer May, 1974

\*Denotes member received into membership at Trinity and transferred to Ascension following Trinity's closing.



*We welcome you to our Community of Faith. We pray that God will speak to you during this worship experience. If you have need of pastoral assistance, we encourage you to contact Pastor Dwayne at the church office number listed below or make an appointment with him today.*

*We welcome children in worship at all times. If you would prefer, childcare is available. Please see one of our ushers. Children's bulletins and crayons are available from the ushers.*

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| <b>Ministers</b>                        | All the people of the Congregation  |
| <b>Pastor</b>                           | The Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier   |
| <b>Minister of Music</b>                | Dan Weckerly  |
| <b>President of the Consistory</b>      | Liz Brunton   |
| <b>Vice President of the Consistory</b> | Michele Luke  |
| <b>Secretary of the Consistory</b>      | Liam D'Aquila   |
| <b>Moderator of Spiritual Council</b>   | Molly Lorenz  |
| <b>Elders:</b>                          | Liz Brunton, Robin Weed, Mary Lambon<br>Molly Lorenz, Barbara Montague-Graham             |
| <b>Chair of the Diaconate</b>           | Michele Luke  |
| <b>Deacons:</b>                         | Liam D'Aquila, Sandy Dounce, Jan Backes<br>Michele Luke, Lynda Waltman, Christa Cavanaugh |
| <b>Church Secretary</b>                 | Judy Parker   |
| <b>Sexton</b>                           | Emeric Suto   |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                        | Sandy Maben   |

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