

**“Whoever you are...wherever you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here.”
God is Still Speaking**

THE REFORMED CHURCH OF THE

Ascension

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



An Open and Affirming Congregation

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11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Glory in the Morn” (Gibbons)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CHIMING OF THE HOUR RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Acts 1:1-9 adapted

Leader 1: In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

After his suffering, he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father.

Leader 2: “This is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

All: “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom of Israel?”

Leader 2: “It is not you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Leader 1: When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

GATHERING HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

Glory to God 463

CONFESSION

Leader: At your name, O Jesus, every knee should bow in joyous worship.

All: Yet there is a certain pride that stands us stiff and unbending.

Leader: Every tongue should declare your name above every name.

All: But praise comes slowly to lips preoccupied with self-interests, and reverence is rare in hearts set on self-sufficiency.

Leader: In self-emptying love you humbled yourself for all humanity, and took upon yourself the form of a slave for us. Becoming obedient even unto death on a cross. Therefore, you have given us a life-pattern for our following, and a mold for modeling our ministry and mission.

People: Yet, our minds are set on the things that charm us most, and in our arrogance we even defend the negligence that glares at us in the mirrors of our souls. Lord Jesus Christ, our wrong cries out for a forgiveness bigger than our sin.

“You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy”

Glory to God 437

silent prayer of confession

KYRIE

Unison A D E A

1 Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,
2 Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
ste e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save the world.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SONG OF PRAISE

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

PASSING THE PEACE

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle Lesson 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Gospel Lesson Luke 24:44-53

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: **Holy Word**

THE SERMON

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
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.*

THE OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & OURSELVES

We want to take this opportunity to thank all those who have mailed in their offerings to the church. The ministry of Ascension Church continues, we need your support. Although we cannot gather in the building right now, we still have our expenses to pay and our outreach continues.

So, please continue to **mail** in your offerings, or you may also opt to contribute **online** through our new **PayPal** account that you can access on our website at ascensionucc.org and go to the Donate page. Please let us know if you encounter any issues accessing PayPal and know that we are grateful for your generosity.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Psalm 103:1-5,22 adapted

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**All: and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name,**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits – who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live. Bless the Lord, in all places of God's vast dominion.

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

CLOSING HYMN

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!” *Glory to God 258*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Under His Protective Arm” (James, Hogan, Kappel)



Let God arise

*And
His enemies
be scattered.*

Psalm 68:1



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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