

**“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*

**March 2, 2022**

**7:30 PM**



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# Ash Wednesday

March 2, 2022

*In observance of Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season, you are asked to enter the sanctuary in the silence this evening.*

## PRELUDE

“Your Father’s Reward” (Jamison)

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR/RECEIVING THE LIGHT

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*please rise*

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.

People: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God’s benefits.**

Leader: Who forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities.

People: **Who redeems your life from the grave, and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness.**

### GATHERING HYMN

“Today We Are All Called to Be Disciples” *Glory to God 757*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### *SILENT CONFESSION*

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

People: **and put a new and right spirit within me.**

Leader: O Lord, open my lips,

People: **and my mouth will declare your praise.**

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

*Glory to God 692*

*please be seated*

**THE FIRST READING**

Isaiah 58:1-12

**HYMN**

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee” *Glory to God 738*

**THE SECOND READING**

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

**RESPONSE**

Leader: Cry, and God will answer.

**People: Call, and the Lord will say, “I am here.”**

Leader: If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word; if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed;

**People: Call, and the Lord will say, “I am here.”**

Leader: Your light will rise in the darkness and your shadows become like noon. The Lord will always guide you, giving you relief in desert places.

**People: Cry, and God will answer. Call, and the Lord will say, “I am here.”**

**THE GOSPEL READING**

*please rise*

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Leader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

**MEDITATION**

## INVITATION TO LENTEN DISCIPLINE

- Leader: God says, “At the acceptable time I have listened to you,  
**People: and helped you on the day of salvation.”**
- Leader: Behold, now is the acceptable time;  
**People: behold, now is the day of salvation!**

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES OFFERTORY

*The ashes are the remains of the palm branches from Palm Sunday. They are placed on the forehead or the back of the hand in the shape of the cross. You are invited to come forward for the imposition of ashes and The Lord’s Supper. That sign of the cross is intended as our affirmation of faith in Jesus Christ, and our willingness to accept God’s grace and salvation in our lives this day.*

*The ushers will invite you forward by rows. As you come, place your offering in the plate provided at the head of the aisle. We will gather around the chancel for the imposition of the ashes followed by The Lord’s Supper.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## THE LORD’S SUPPER

## CLOSING HYMN

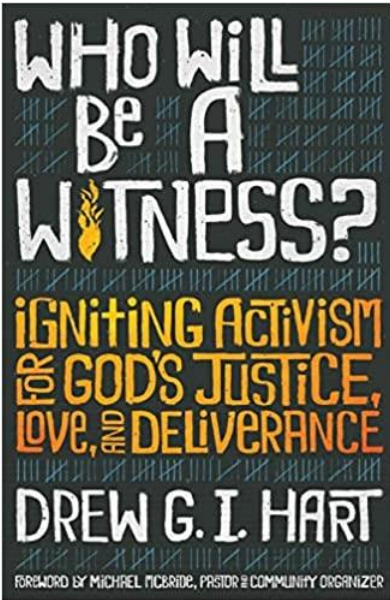
“Lift High the Cross”                      *Glory to God 826*

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

## POSTLUDE

“Pray to Your Father”                      (Koppell)



## **LENTEN BOOK STUDY**

**A journey through Dr. Drew Hart's powerful witness and call on the Christian Church to a discipleship that embodies God's love, justice and deliverance.**

**Please join us for a Lenten book study featuring "Who Will Be A Witness?"**

**Books may be ordered via Amazon, Barnes & Noble, eBay, etc., even the public library may have this to loan.**

**Thursdays at 7:30PM  
Beginning March 17<sup>th</sup> through April 7<sup>th</sup>  
via Zoom**

**Register by sending an email to [ascensionucc@comcast.net](mailto:ascensionucc@comcast.net), and you will receive a Zoom link closer to our Book Study date.**







*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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