

**“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

April 19, 2020

11:00 AM

Jesus said to Thomas,
“Have you believed because
you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have
not seen and yet
have come to believe.”

John 20:29

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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Joy” (Elias)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

please rise

Leader: O Lord, you are my portion and my cup, it is you who uphold my lot.

People: My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

Leader: I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.

People: My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

Leader: You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy.

People: Let us worship God!

GATHERING HYMN

“Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers” *Glory to God 231*

A LITANY OF ASSURANCE

Leader: By God's great mercy, we have been born anew to a living hope through Christ's resurrection from the dead.

People: This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

Leader: We have an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

People: This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

Leader: By God's power we are guarded through faith for a salvation to be revealed in the last time.

People: This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

Leader: The trials you may suffer are so that your faith may prove itself worthy of all praise, glory, and honor when Christ is revealed.

People: This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

Leader: As the outcome of your faith, you obtain the salvation of your souls.

People: This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

silence

SONG OF PRAISE

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Glory to God 591

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN

“Thine Is The Glory”

Glory to God 238

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

please be seated

First Reading Acts 2:14a, 22-36 *page 119*
Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9 *page 232*

please rise

Gospel Lesson John 20:19-31 *page 115*

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

THE UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH

please rise and say in unison

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior
Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image, and set before each
one the ways of life and death

You seek in holy love to save all people
from aimlessness & sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and
risen Savior, you have come to us
and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages,
tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world, and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you, forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

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

You promise your peace through the gift of your Son. Alive with our Spirit, O God, we are sent forth to serve. We offer you now the first fruits of our labor. Accept them and use them in accordance with your desires.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

“Peace I Leave with You, My Friends”

Solo by Liz Brunton

The New Century Hymnal 249

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“He Is Alive” (Cunningham/Nolan)



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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| Pastor | The Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier |
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