

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

THE REFORMED CHURCH OF THE

*Ascension*

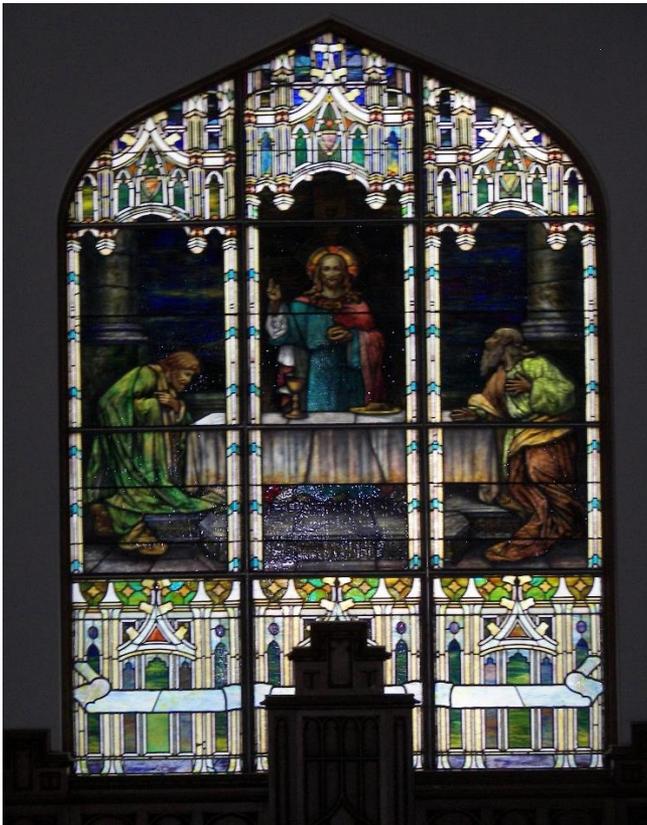
UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST



*An Open and Affirming Congregation*

**April 26, 2020**

**11:00 AM**



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## Order of Worship

### PRELUDE

“My Lord and Savior”

(Unger)

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

### THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

Luke 24:13-35

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*please rise*

**Leader:** God is with us; we are not alone.

**People:** **Christ is with us; he comes to us as to the first disciples.**

**Leader:** As we are met together in Jesus’ name, let us prepare to sense the presence of the Lord in our midst.

**People:** **For he comes in his risen glory to comfort and bless, to counsel and enlighten.**

**Leader:** Let us worship God and anticipate awareness of Christ among us.

### GATHERING HYMN

“O Day of Rest and Gladness” *Glory to God 393*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*those who desire to kneel, may do so at this time*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of presence, we confess that we have not believed with our whole heart and mind that the risen Christ is indeed with us, or else we would walk more serenely and confidently through our days. We have failed to look and listen for the Spirit of Jesus to meet us in the Scriptures, in the love of family, in the caring of a friend, or in the advocacy of a stranger. We forget we do not have to beg you to be present to us, but need only be attentive, for you are always here. So, we confess now, O God, the sin of refusing Christ's offer of an ongoing relationship in which we are met on life's road in unpredictable ways meant to strengthen, rescue, and delight. Forgive us, we pray.

*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-  
2 Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri-

F# Bm E A (A)

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

### SONG OF PRAISE

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

*Glory to God 591*

### PASSING THE PEACE

## **HYMN**

“Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

*Glory to God 835*

*Verses 1 & 2*

## **THE SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Epistle Lesson      1 Peter 1:17-23      *page 232*

Leader: Holy Wisdom

**People: Holy Word**

## **THE SERMON**

“**Now We Remain**”    *(by David Haas)*

*Solo by Liz Brunton*

## **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](http://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**

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

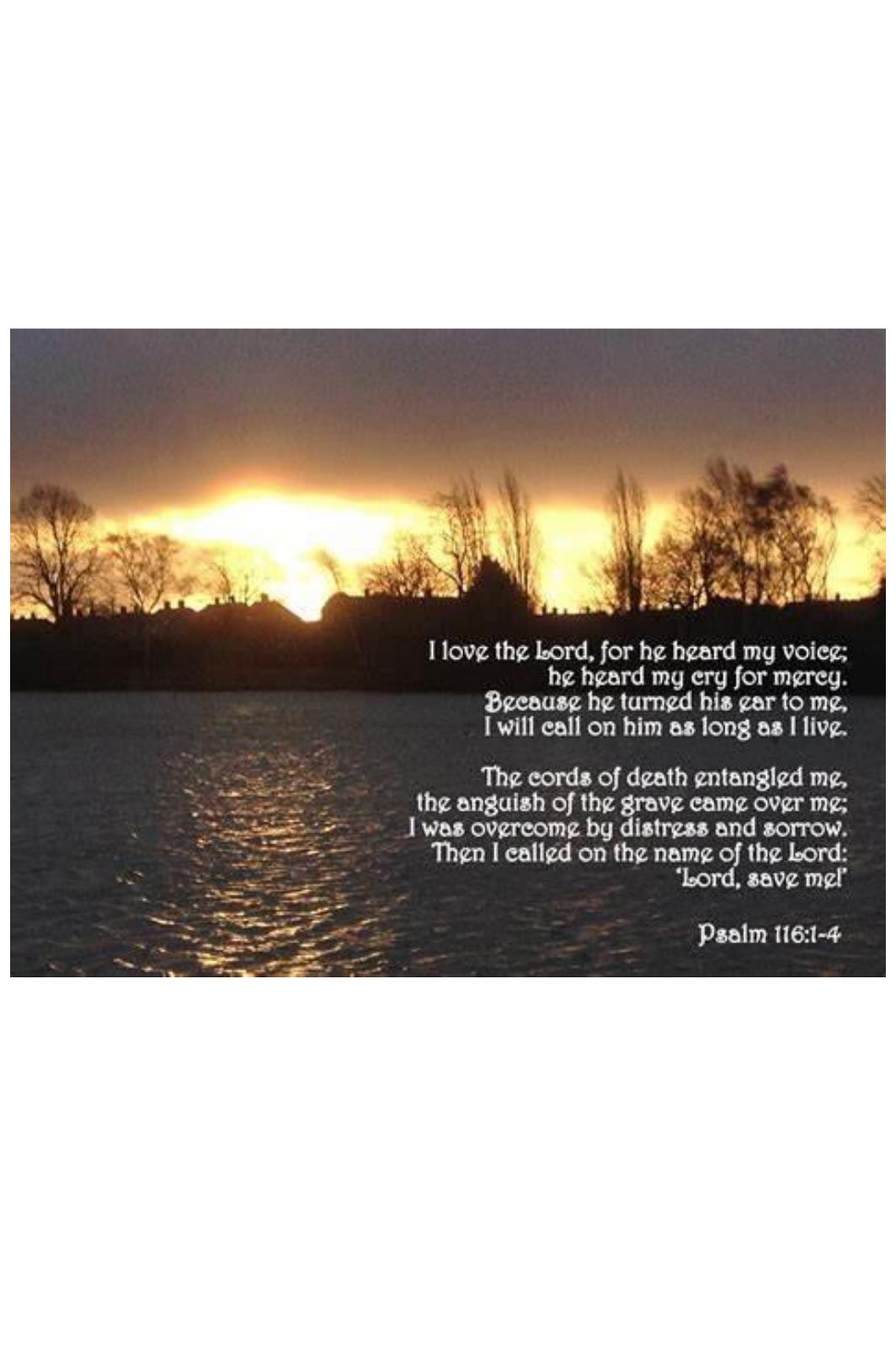
“Guide My Feet”                      *Glory to God 741*  
*Verses 1, 4, and 5*

### **TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

#### **POSTLUDE**

“Safe in His Arms”                      (Davidson)



A sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow. Silhouettes of trees and buildings are visible against the bright sky. The water in the foreground is dark with some ripples.

I love the Lord, for he heard my voice;  
he heard my cry for mercy.  
Because he turned his ear to me,  
I will call on him as long as I live.

The cords of death entangled me,  
the anguish of the grave came over me;  
I was overcome by distress and sorrow.  
Then I called on the name of the Lord:  
'Lord, save me!'

Psalm 116:1-4



*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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