

**“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

“I Call to You O Righteous God” (Inge)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The bread of life opens our eyes.
People: The word of life opens our ears.
Leader: The rise one shows us God’s own brokenness.
People: And by those wounds we are healed.
Leader: Peace be with you.
People: And also with you.

GATHERING HYMN

“Now the Green Blade Rises” *Glory to God 247*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus.

Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us.

silent prayer of confession

“You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy” *Glory to God 437*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy". It consists of three staves of music in G major and 6/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The first staff has chords Em, D, Em, Am, Em, D, Em. The second staff has chords Am, D, C, D, Em, C, Em. The third staff has chords Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E. The lyrics are: "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!" on the first staff; "You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!" on the second staff; and "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!" on the third staff.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: However long we wander, however far
we stray,

People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Siblings, be assured: in Jesus Christ we
are forgiven. *adapted from Psalm 100:5*

SONG OF PRAISE

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

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN

“I Danced in the Morning” *Glory to God 157*

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Acts 3:12-19

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-7

Gospel Lesson Luke 24:36b-48

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

HYMN

“Be Still and Know That I Am God” *Glory to God 414*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God has made the One who was rejected,
the cornerstone of a new community. In the
name of Christ Jesus, let us pray for the needs
of the world, saying,

People: Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord God, we offer to you only a portion of what you have given us. All that we have is from your creative hand. All that we can give away we do through Jesus' love. All our renewal comes from the Holy Spirit's wisdom. Deal graciously with these gifts so that others may have joy; in Jesus' name. Amen.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” *Glory to God 610*

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“The Lord's Trust” (Jameson)

April Birthdays

4/18-4/24/2021

Zachary Fryer (19); Anton Rosen (21); Chase Logan (23)

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Question for Reflection

When Jesus appeared to the disciples, "he opened their minds to understand the scriptures" (Luke 24:45). What is it to "understand" God's word? How does understanding feed your faith? In the coming week, take note of one new understanding that comes to you from something you hear or read or realize through another person.

Household Prayer: Morning

God of surprising revelations, I thank you for rest and renewal. I thank you that when you come to your people, you speak peace and invite faith in you. Make this new day a time when I will give more thanks for life than I did yesterday. Give me ears to hear your will for me, hands that are open to others, and eyes to see the beauty in your world; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

For all that has happened this day, O God, I give you thanks. Even for the obstacles I faced, I thank you. Especially when I wobbled in doubt, I thank you because I did not fall. You came to hold me strong and help me take the next step. Now give me rest, secure in your never-failing arms. Let my dreams revolve around what is pleasing and good, bringing me to a new day with zeal for your gifts; in Jesus' name. Amen.

In Peace
I will lie down & sleep,

*for you
alone, LORD,
make me
dwell in safety.*

-Psalm 4:8





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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