

**“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

May 3, 2020

11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Safely In His Arms” (Murray)

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

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

Gospel of John 10:1-10

CALL TO WORSHIP

please rise

Leader: The voice of God calls in love,
People: **inviting us into the shelter of kindness and grace.**
Leader: We follow the loving Shepherd,
People: **the one who never fails us, and who calls us each by name.**
All: **Let us worship our God.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Jesus Calls Us” *Glory to God 720*

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when we could be useful. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and free us from sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

silent prayer of confession

KYRIE

Unison

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 -

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 voice of the Christ calls to us in grace and love to lay down the past in faith. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

People: **We are forgiven.**

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SONG OF PRAISE

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

PASSING THE PEACE

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading 1 Peter 2:19-25

Psalm 23

Second Reading Acts 2:42-47

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

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.

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Holy God, we praise you.
Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad.
We bless you for creating the whole world, for
your promises to your people Israel, and for the
life we know in Jesus Christ your Son. Born of
Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he
welcomes us. Leading his followers, he guides us.
Dying on the cross, he rescues us. Risen from the
dead, he gives new life.
With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup
and proclaim his death and resurrection. Receive
our sacrifice of praise.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Leader: Send to us your Holy Spirit that this meal may be
holy and your people may become one. Unite us
in faith, inspire us to love, encourage us with
hope, that we may receive Christ as he comes to
us in this holy banquet. We praise you, almighty
Father, through Christ your Son, in the
Holy Spirit.

People: **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.

COMMUNION HYMN

“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd” *Glory to God 274*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

**All: We remember Jesus death,
we proclaim His resurrection,
we await His coming in glory.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & POURING THE WINE

Leader: Through the broken bread we participate in the
body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing we
share in the new life Christ gives.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Amen.

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come,
for all things are ready, come and taste and see
how good the Lord is.

PARTAKING OF THE MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank you, Holy God, for giving us this meal, shared in the
Spirit, which sustains us with the food and drink of your life.
Grace our lives that we may at the last come to share in the
heavenly banquet of your realm, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

SHELTER ME

A Prayer-Song in the Time of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Michael Joncas

O shel-ter me, O shel-ter me:
The way a - head is dark and dif - fi - cult to see.
O shel-ter me, O shel-ter me:
All will be well if on - ly you will shel-ter me.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Shelter Me' by Michael Joncas. It consists of four staves of music in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are 'O shel-ter me, O shel-ter me:'. The second staff continues with 'The way a - head is dark and dif - fi - cult to see.'. The third staff repeats 'O shel-ter me, O shel-ter me:'. The fourth staff concludes with 'All will be well if on - ly you will shel-ter me.'.

1. Shepherd and sheep, my God and I:
to fresh green fields you led my steps in days gone by.
You gave me rest by quiet springs
and filled my soul with peace your loving presence brings.

2. Yet now I tread a diff'rent way;
Death dogs my path with stealthy steps from day to day.
I cannot find your peaceful place.
But dwell in dreary darkness, longing for your face.

3. I will look back in days to come
and realize your faithfulness has led me home.
Within your house I'll find my peace,
trusting that in your mercy you have sheltered me.

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TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“All Who Believe”

(Bamberger)



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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