

“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 25, 2021

11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Bathed in the Light of His Love” (Tarlecki)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CHIMING OF THE HOUR RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
People: Jesus lays down his life for his sheep.
Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
People: Jesus knows us, and we belong to him.
Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
People: Jesus speaks, and we listen to his voice.

GATHERING HYMN

“Here in This Place” *Glory to God 401*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy on us, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name 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 -

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ste e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Acts 4:5-12

HYMN

“The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want” *Glory to God 801*

Second Reading 1 John 3:16-24

Gospel Lesson John 10:11-18

Leader: This Is the Good News.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE SERMON

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have shown us the meaning of love through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. Show us how to share Christ's love by giving our lives for one another to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

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

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Quiet Waters” (Naomi)

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*The Bulletins are given to the Glory of our Lord,
in honor and celebration of my wife, Nancy,
on our 57th Wedding Anniversary,
by her forever husband, Bob Fryer*

April/May Birthdays

4/25-5/01/2021

Denise Kline (25); Garrett Comrie (1)

April/May Anniversary

4/25-5/01/2021

Bob & Nancy Fryer (25)

Questions for Reflection

What does it mean to lay down our lives for one another (1 John 3:16)? Think about people who have been “good Shepherds: for you, sharing the love and showing the way of Jesus Christ. Who has helped to lead you in right paths or walked with you in dark valleys? Who has given you comfort and calmed your fears? Who has shown you hospitality and grace, making a place at the table for you, even when you felt surrounded by enemies? How have you done these things for others?

Household Prayer: Morning

Good shepherd, walk beside me through the joy and trouble of this day, and lead me in right paths for your name’s sake. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Good shepherd, remain with me in the dark and stillness of this night, and let me lie down in safety to restore my soul. Amen.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd
I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in
green pastures
He leads me beside the still
waters.

He restores my soul
He leads me in the paths of
righteousness

For His names sake.

Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil

For You are with me
Your rod and Your staff, they
comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the
presence of my enemies

You anoint my head with oil
My cup runs over.

Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me

All the days of my life
And I will dwell in the house
of the Lord
Forever.



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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