

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

THE REFORMED CHURCH OF THE

*Ascension*

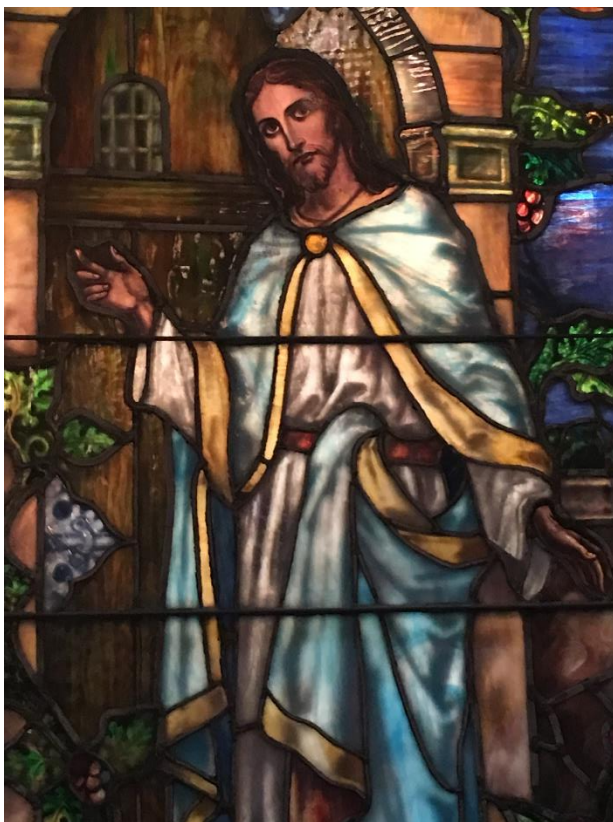
UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST



*An Open and Affirming Congregation*

**May 9, 2021**

**11:00 AM**



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**Order of Worship**

**PRELUDE**

“He Hath Done Marvelous Things” (Kingmann)

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Sing to our God a new song.

**People: God has done marvelous things!**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

**People: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Leader: Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

**People: Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.**

Leader: Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

**GATHERING HYMN**

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” *Glory to God 611*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus’ name we pray.**

*silent prayer of confession*

# KYRIE

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

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## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

### SONG OF PRAISE

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

### PASSING THE PEACE

### THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Acts 10:44-48

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

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

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

Gospel Lesson John 15:9-17

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

### THE SERMON

### MISSION MOMENT

**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.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Through our offerings, O God, give your loving Spirit to a world in need of comfort. Make our many gifts one offering for the world, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

“In Christ There is No East or West” *Glory to God 318*

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

### **POSTLUDE**

“Righteousness to Nations” (Humperdinck)

### **May Birthdays**

**5/09-5/15/2021**

*Serena Wetherill (12); Nathaniel Cressman (14)*

### **May Anniversaries**

**5/09-5/15/2021**

*Lori & Chris Logan (10)*

### ***Question for Reflection***

In our Gospel lesson this week, Jesus speaks of his extreme love for us, calls us his friends, and says that he makes known to us everything that he hears from God. How does thinking of Christ as our friend and lover—or Lord and Master—affect our daily living?

### ***Household Prayer: Morning***

Holy One, I begin today breathing in your love for me, for others, and for the world. Keep me mindful of all the marvelous things you are doing around and within me today. Help me to feel my friendship with Jesus and his confidence in me. Maintain in my heart the image of myself as a tree, bearing the fruit of Christ's love everywhere I go today. Amen.

### ***Household Prayer: Evening***

God, you are both judge and friend. Even as I review my day, I give it over to you. I let go of the good, the bad, and the in-between, trusting in your care for me. I am content this night to abide in your love. I breathe in your joy and your peace. Whatever I need, I ask of you in Jesus' name. Amen.

*O sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.*

*Psalm 98:1*





*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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