

**“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*

**January 19, 2020**

**11:00 AM**

**FAITH IS  
TAKING THE FIRST  
STEP EVEN WHEN  
YOU DON'T  
SEE THE  
WHOLE  
STAIRCASE.**

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## Order of Worship

### PRELUDE

“Suite in D Major” (L. da Vinci)

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*please rise*

**Leader:** I waited patiently for the Lord.

**People:** **God bent down to me and heard me cry.**

**Leader:** On my lips God put a new song.

**People:** **Many will be filled with awe and learn to trust in God.**

**Leader:** My desire is to do your will, O God; your law is in my heart.

**People:** **Let all those who seek you rejoice, and those who long for your saving help cry out, “All glory to the Lord!”**

### GATHERING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*Glory to God 611*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

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



## **PASSING THE PEACE**

*Let us greet one another with the word,  
“The peace of Christ be with you.”*

## **THE CHILDREN’S TIME**

*please be seated*

## **HYMN**

*please rise*

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

*Glory to God 442*

## **THE SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*please be seated*

Hebrew Lesson	Isaiah 49:1-7	<i>page 679</i>
Epistle Lesson	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	<i>page 165</i>
	<i>please rise for the gospel</i>	
Gospel Lesson	John 1:29-42	<i>page 92</i>

**Leader: Holy Wisdom**

**People: Holy Word**

## **THE SERMON**

## THE UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH

*please rise and say in unison*

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior  
Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:  
You call the worlds into being,  
create persons in your own image, and set before each  
one the ways of life and death  
You seek in holy love to save all people  
from aimlessness & sin.  
You judge people and nations by your righteous will  
declared through prophets and apostles.  
In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and  
risen Savior, you have come to us  
and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death  
and reconciling the world to yourself.  
You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,  
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,  
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages,  
tongues, and races.  
You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of  
discipleship, to be your servants in the service of  
others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world,  
and resist the powers of evil,  
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,  
to join him in his passion and victory.  
You promise to all who trust you, forgiveness of sins and  
fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and  
peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal  
life in your realm which has no end.  
Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

*please be seated*

**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**  
**OFFERTORY**

“Largo” (LeClair)

**DOXOLOGY**

*please rise*  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*  
*Praise Christ, all people here below;*  
*Praise Holy Spirit evermore;*  
*Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Lord Jesus, you move among the poor and needy to bring release to the captives, food to the hungry, hope to the despairing, forgiveness to the guilty, and comfort to the lonely. We want to share in your life-giving work, and we make this offering as a sign of the dedication of our lives in obedience to your commission. Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

“Called As Partners in Christ’s Service”     *Glory to God 761*

## **CHARGE AND BLESSING CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

“God Be With You”

*God be with you, God be with you,  
God be with you, till we meet again.  
O God be with you, God be with you,  
God be with you, till we meet again.*

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

### **POSTLUDE**

“Marche Royale”                      (Lully)

*The Flowers are given to the glory of God,  
in memory of Virginia Slavin, by Robin and Rick Weed*

*The Flowers are given to the glory of God,  
in honor of Peri Jones, by Joan Hagerman*



*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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