

**“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 23, 2022

11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“The Heavens Declare Your Glory” (Linehann)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

People: **God calls us to be builders as well.**

Leader: God calls us to build our lives:

People: **to restore broken places and continue to grow.**

Leader: God calls us to build our faith:

People: **to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.**

Leader: God calls us to build our community:

People: **to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.**

Leader: God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

People: **to preach the good news of God’s love and liberation for all people.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Let Us Build a House” *Glory to God 301*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust.

silent prayer of confession

KYRIE

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e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
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DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN

“Live into Hope” *Glory to God 772*

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrew Lesson Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

please rise

Gospel Lesson Luke 4:14-21

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of life and of new life, bless these gifts that we have
given that they may further your reign in this world.
Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun” *Glory to God 265*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Refresh My Soul” (Bergbauer)

January Birthdays

1/23-1/29/2022

*Kelli Locklear (25); Barbara Montague-Graham (26);
Hannah-Abigail Mosier (27);
Elena Gato, Riley Logan, Charles Werkheiser (29)*

Question for Reflection

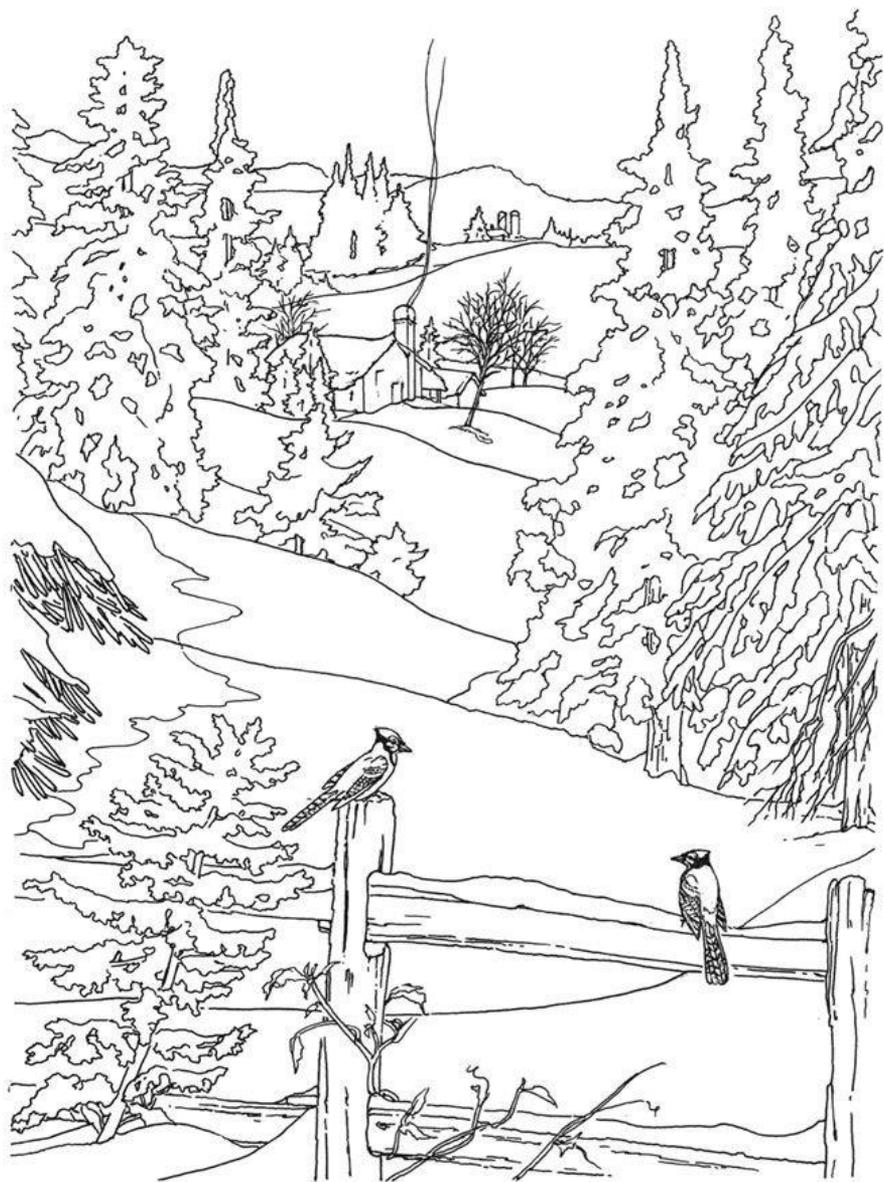
The Old Testament “year of jubilee” to which Jesus refers in his first sermon—what some have called his “mission statement”—was a time set aside every fifty years to forgive financial debt and redistribute the land among the people. Why do you think God envisioned a year of jubilee, and what might that look like in our world today?

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy One, thank you for the gift of this new day. Help me to stay attentive to your creation and mindful of your teachings as I travel through it. Empower me to see and spread the good news of your grace for all people. Amen.

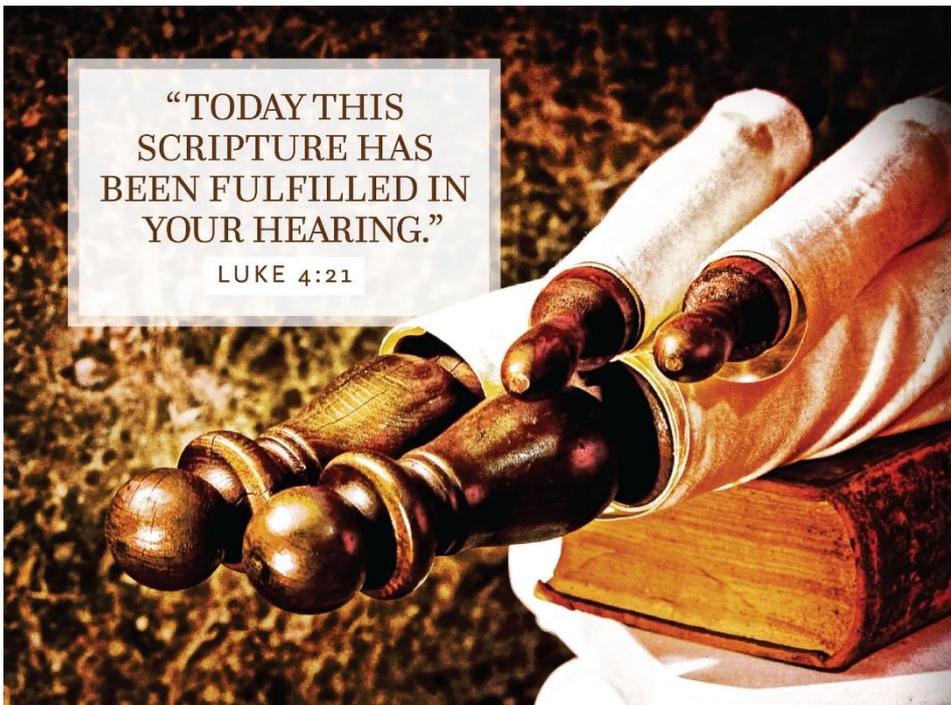
Household Prayer: Evening

Holy One, thank you for the gift of today. Thank you for all the ways that I saw your glory and learned your teachings, beyond speech and words, in the course of this day. As I drift to sleep this night, draw me closer to you, my rock and my redeemer. Amen.



“TODAY THIS
SCRIPTURE HAS
BEEN FULFILLED IN
YOUR HEARING.”

LUKE 4:21





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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