

**“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***

**February 13, 2022**

**11:00 AM**



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**Order of Worship**

**PRELUDE**

“Blest Are You” (Oppenheim)

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**RECEIVING THE LIGHT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Blessed are those who trust in the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. Baptized and freed, grounded in love,

**People:** let us worship God!

**GATHERING HYMN**

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” *Glory to God 234*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding. You call us to reorder our lives by the realm you are bringing in Jesus Christ. Yet we still pass by the ones you especially notice; people who are poor and hungry, people who weep. We have not stood with those who are hated, bullied, and excluded. Comfortable with the way things are, we are too complacent, even complicit with injustice and prejudice. Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to your gospel. We pray this now, for our sake, and for the sake of your world.**

*silent prayer of confession*

# KYRIE

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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

**HYMN** “When Peace like a River” *Glory to God 840*

### THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

*please be seated*

Hebrew Lesson Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

*please rise*

Gospel Lesson Luke 6:17-26

Leader: Holy Wisdom

**People: Holy Word**

### THE SERMON

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Holy One, you have created us with the ability to choose between life and death, blessings and curses. Help us to reject the advice of the wicked or sit with the scoffers, and by your grace, empower us to put our trust in you.

**People: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.**

Leader: We pray for those who put their trust in themselves instead of in you.

**People: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.**

Leader: We pray for those who put their trust in princes and politicians and find themselves deceived and misled.

**People: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.**

Leader: We pray for those who are poor, who hunger, who weep.

**People: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.**

Leader: We pray for those who are making poor choices in their lives; may they turn to you for guidance.

**People: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.**

Leader: We pray for the trees, for the rivers and streams, and for all your creation: turn us from our exploitative ways to help you renew the earth.

**People: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.**

Leader: God, you demand much, but promise that your yoke is easy. Guide us throughout our lives, keeping us ever mindful of the good news of your forgiving and renewing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## **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**

**Holy One, bless and multiply these gifts we give as tokens of our trust in you. Use them to bless the poor, feed the hungry, and comfort those who weep, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

**“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”** *Glory to God 753*

### **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

### **POSTLUDE**

**“Rejoice, Be Glad, Your Reward is in Heaven”** (Lei)

**February Birthdays**

**2/13-2/19/2022**

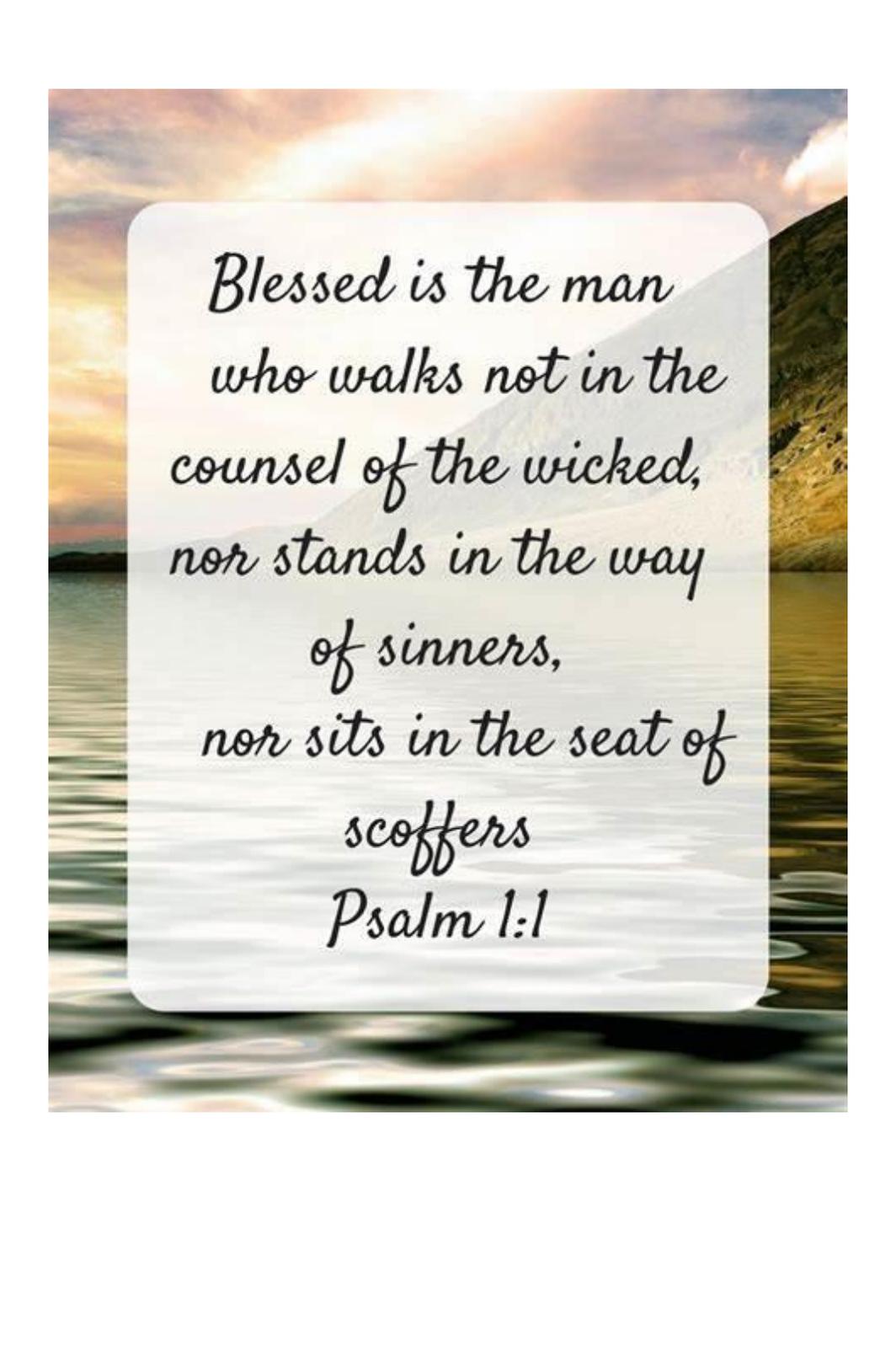
*Seth Cavanaugh, Michele Luke (13); Tracy Monaghan (14);  
Pam Lotsch (15); Evan Angel Kleinert-Lopez,  
Easton Ashe Kleinert-Lopez (16); Luke Fryer (17);  
Mike Clayboss (18)*

**February Anniversaries**

**2/13-2/19/2022**

*Christa & Bill Cavanaugh, William & Beryl Rosen (14)*

**We are resuming in-person worship this Sunday, 2/13. Please join us in church, we look forward to seeing you, however if you cannot make it to church you can still watch via Facebook live or it will also be posted to YouTube after service.**



*Blessed is the man  
who walks not in the  
counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way  
of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of  
scoffers  
Psalm 1:1*



*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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| <b>Ministers</b>                        | All the people of the Congregation  |
| <b>Pastor</b>                           | The Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier   |
| <b>Minister of Music</b>                | Dan Weckerly  |
| <b>President of the Consistory</b>      | Liz Brunton   |
| <b>Vice President of the Consistory</b> | Michele Luke  |
| <b>Secretary of the Consistory</b>      | Liam D'Aquila   |
| <b>Moderator of Spiritual Council</b>   | Molly Lorenz  |
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