

“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 20, 2022

11:00 AM

Love is full
of such yearning,
such adamant
insistence for
right-relation,
such compassion,
such **rage.**
And it is absolutely
irrepressible.

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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“I Am Your Brother” (Canulli)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Take delight in the Lord, who satisfies the desires of your heart.

People: **Commit your way to the Lord and trust in God’s actions.**

Leader: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.

People: **The Lord is our salvation and our refuge in times of trouble.**

GATHERING HYMN

“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

The New Century Hymnal 417

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways or trusted your promises. We love only those who love us, we show kindness only to those who are kind to us, we give only when we expect to receive. Forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with your selfless love. Change our lives by your matchless grace. These things we pray through Christ our Savior.

silent prayer of confession

KYRIE

Unison A D E A

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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

Leader: Children of the Most High God, through Jesus Christ our Lord we have received grace in good measure—spilling out and running over.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: Now go and live as Christ commands:
Be merciful, as God is merciful; do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; but forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN “Now the Green Blade Rises” *Glory to God 247*

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

please be seated

Hebrew Lesson Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

please rise

Gospel Lesson Luke 6:27-38

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Let us offer our intercessions to God, saying,
God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy God, your cross stands before us as a light that shows us our failures and our salvation through your Son. We thank you for forgiving us and for coming among us to heal our pain and resentments. We yearn for your word and praise you for your love.

All: **God in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

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 God, you have given us land in which to grow and thrive, food for survival and pleasure, air and water, fire and cold. Make our thanksgiving bloom forth into the lives of others in the name of the one who gave everything for us. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Help Us Accept Each Other” *Glory to God 754*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“The Dead Shall Be Raised” (Houghton/Loewe)

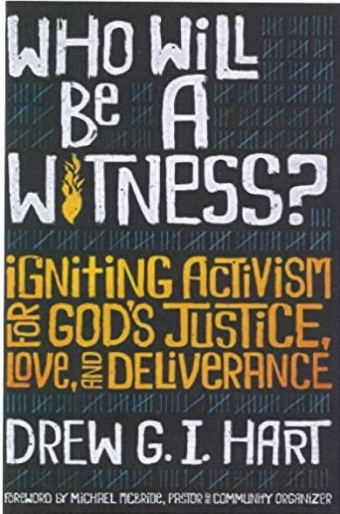
February Birthdays

2/20-2/26/2022

Ralph Nealman (20); Diane Royer (22);

Phoebe Mosier, Sophia Mosier (23);

Sandy Dounce (24)



LENTEN BOOK STUDY

A journey through Dr. Drew Hart's powerful witness and call on the Christian Church to a discipleship that embodies God's love, justice and deliverance.

Please join us for a Lenten book study featuring
"Who Will Be A Witness?"

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Thursdays at 7:30PM
Beginning March 17th through April 7th
via Zoom

Register by replying to this email, and you will receive a Zoom link closer to our Book Study date.



ASCENSION UCC ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

**Wednesday, March 2nd,
at 7:30PM**



Delight Yourself In the Lord



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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| Pastor | The Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier |
| Minister of Music | Dan Weckerly |
| President of the Consistory | Liz Brunton |
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Molly Lorenz, Barbara Montague-Graham |
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