

**“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

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11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Follow Him” (Jakobsen)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CHIMING OF THE HOUR RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are not alone; God has come to be with us in Christ Jesus. We are created for dialogue with our creator through the Holy Spirit.

People: **We are eternally connected with God, the Holy Other, with whom we are intended to converse.**

Leader: As Jesus called and commissioned the first disciples, so we are called to participate in God’s saving dialogue with the world through Christ.

People: **God waits to address us, waits for our attention, waits to light our way through life.**

Leader: With open minds and hearts, let us together enter into the holy conversation of worship.

GATHERING HYMN

“Crown Him With Many Crowns” *Glory to God 268*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever seeking, ever speaking God, we confess how one sided our conversation with you often is. We are so eager to speak, to tell you of our wants and our needs. We expect you to listen to us, while we are such poor listeners. Our lives are diminished when we fail to wait upon you, to listen for your life-giving, life-directing word. And so it is, O God, that we seek to turn our ear to you, that we may find your meaning and direction for our life. Forgive us for permitting distractions and fears to interfere. And forgive our reluctance to risk, to start out and persist on the path you open before us, trusting in your leading and sustaining grace.

silent prayer of confession

KYRIE

Unison A D E A

1 Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri -
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

Leader: God has addressed our need for a savior in sending Jesus to this earth, to live and die as one of us, and then to rise again in glory.

People: **This is the communication of forgiveness that is irrefutable, unchangeable, and eternal.**

Leader: God has spoken; we are forgiven.

People: **Praise be to God!**

SONG OF PRAISE

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Glory to God 591

PASSING THE PEACE

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10

HYMN

“Jesus Calls Us”

Glory to God 720

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel Lesson

John 1:43-51

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

MISSION STATEMENT OF ASCENSION CHURCH

The mission of Ascension Church is to reach out to the local and world community with faith and joy. We will commit our spiritual and material resources and our personal involvement to share the word of God through worship and Christian living. We will provide spiritual support, care, and hope for all as we teach and grow in the love of Christ through the Holy Spirit.

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 and go to the Donate page. Please let us know if you encounter any issues accessing PayPal and know that we are grateful for your generosity.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, you have called us to be disciples of Jesus, to be faithful to dialogue with you, even as did the Twelve when Christ was walking on this earth. And we would answer by making an offering of our lives and our resources for your saving purposes that your realm may be furthered and your people cared for. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Eternal Christ, You Rule” *The New Century Hymnal 302*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Son of God: King of Israel” (Uberti)

January Birthdays
1/17 through 1/23/2021

*Dawn Clayboss (18); Victoria Santana (19);
Pat Angelucci (22)*

Eternal Christ, You Rule

302

Dan Damon, 1990

Eph. 1:15-23; 5:1-2

Unison

1 E - ter-nal Christ, you rule keep - ing com - pa - ny with pain;
2 E - ter-nal Christ, you rule speak - ing par - don from the cross;
3 E - ter-nal Christ, you rule tak - ing chil - dren by the hand;
4 E - ter-nal Christ, you rule fast - ing for - ty days a - lone;
5 E - ter-nal Christ, you rule keep - ing com - pa - ny with pain;

en - dur - ing rid - i - cule, re - ject - ed, still you reign.
for - giv - ing pound - ed nails; death did its worst and lost.
the proud re - turn to school; the meek re - ceive the land.
the tempt - er played the fool, ex - pect - ing bread from stone.
with love and truth as tools, come build in us your reign.

Hymnwriter Daniel Charles Damon credits a sermon given by United Church of Christ minister Ansley Coe Throckmorton at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California, as his inspiration for this text. To the question, "How does Christ rule?" Throckmorton replied, "By keeping company with pain."

Tune: THROCKMORTON 6.7.6.6.
Dan Damon, 1990



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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