

**“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

“The Holy One of God” (Ostrander)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CHIMING OF THE HOUR RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with whole hearts.

People: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Leader: Glory be to the one whose wonders are to be remembered.

People: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Leader: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

People: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Leader: The Lord feeds the righteous with truth.

People: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Leader: Come! Let us give thanks to God.

adapted from Psalm 111

GATHERING HYMN

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *Glory to God 12*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets and show us your way; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all.

silent prayer of confession

KYRIE

Unison

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

SONG OF PRAISE

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Glory to God 591

PASSING THE PEACE

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

HYMN

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” *Glory to God 662*

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Gospel Lesson Mark 1:21-28

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

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

For Earth, which you have molded, for creatures and animals, plants, water, air and fire, for Jesus who dies and rose again, for the breath of life, we give you thanks, O God. Let these gifts be used for good wherever there is need, in the name of all that you have first given us, especially Christ Jesus, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” *Glory to God 65*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Jesus of Nazareth” (Simmons, McKee, Boas)

Questions for Reflection

What is the name of the demon, the spirit, the idolatry you carry? If you can think of this answer as many “troubles,” try to find the root cause, a name to give to that which needs to be cast out. The answer may take different forms throughout the week. You may also consider the same question with regard to your family and to this nation. What is the Holy One casting out today in your presence?

Household Prayer: Morning

In the light of your new day, O God, I rise to greet you always on the path in front of me. Let me follow with integrity where you will lead. Give me courage to know the difference between what is false and what is true. Teach me to love my neighbor as you love me. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Heavenly Father, you are the power above all powers, the healer who knows our every need. You have guided me throughout this day and now give me sleep to renew my tired body and mind. Guard me and keep me in your care. Amen.

January/February Birthdays
1/31 through 2/6/2021

Jan Backes (31); Liz Brunton (4); Jean Akers (5)



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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