

**“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 7, 2021**

**11:00 AM**

**G**od gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for God shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:29–31

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## Order of Worship

### PRELUDE

“A Solitary Place” (Lewiston)

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Have we not known? Have we not heard?  
**People: Has it not been told to us since the beginning?**  
Leader: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;  
**People: they shall mount up with wings like eagles;**  
Leader: they shall run and not be weary;  
**People: they shall walk and not faint.**

*adapted from Isaiah 40:21 & 31*

### GATHERING HYMN

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” *Glory to God 761*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond measure. We confess to you that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love.**

*adapted from Psalm 147:5 & 11*

*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:** Praise the Lord!

**People:** **Our God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds.**

**Leader:** God takes pleasure in those who place their trust in God's grace. Hear the Good News of the Gospel.

**People:** **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*adapted from Psalm 147:3*

## SONG OF PRAISE

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

*Glory to God 591*

## THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Isaiah 40:21-31

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Gospel Lesson Mark 1:29-39

**Leader:** Holy Wisdom

**People:** Holy Word

## THE SERMON

Pastor William Worley

“Source of Strength”

## SPECIAL 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PRESENTATION

A look at the past 25 years since Pastor Dwayne's installation at Ascension.

### 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](http://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.

**HYMN**

“On Eagle's Wings”

*Glory to God 43*

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is a right and joyful thing to offer thanks to you, O God, the source of all creation. Your holy energy flows in animals and plants, makes them move, and gives them desire to live. You brought forth the world in love, and in your great love creation finds at last its proper end. And so with the hosts of heaven we join the everlasting hymn of praise:

Leader: You fill our world with glory and light, and yet our mortal eyes cannot behold so bright a truth. Therefore, in time you sent us Jesus Christ, your truth made flesh. He lived among us, teaching, healing, and revealing the boundless riches of your grace, that everyone might see and know the power of your love for us. For on the night he was betrayed the Lord took bread, and giving thanks and breaking it, he said, “This is my body, given for you.” And after supper he took the cup, and giving thanks, he said, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”

*adapted from Ephesians 3:8-9 & Mark 14:22-24*

Leader: Remembering the life and work of Christ, his ministry among the poor and lost, his death upon the cross of human shame, and the victory revealed by the empty tomb, we offer you our lives in thanks and praise, in unity with Christ our friend and Lord.

### **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

Leader: Send your Holy Spirit on us here and on the gifts of bread and wine we share. Make us, gathered here in love for you, members of the body of our Lord, that we may share the promise of the gospel, one with Christ, and one in ministry to all the world. Through Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours.

*adapted from Ephesians 3:6*

**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.*

**BREAKING THE BREAD & POURING THE WINE**

Leader: Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing we share in the new life Christ gives.

“O, Lamb of God” *Glory to God 555*  
*O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.*

**PARTAKING OF THE MEAL**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

We sing to you, God, with thanksgiving, making melody to you with our praise. Use us to spread your gospel near and far, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*adapted from Psalm 147:7*

**CLOSING HYMN**

“The Summons”                      *Glory to God 726*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

**POSTLUDE**

“Healed and Strengthened”                      (Harris)

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God, in honor  
of Pastor Dwayne’s 25<sup>th</sup> Installation Anniversary at  
Ascension Church, given by Robin & Rick Weed*

**February Birthdays**

**2/7 through 2/13/2021**

*Tanya Thampi-Sen (7); Molly Lorenze (9); Bob Fryer (12);  
Seth Cavanaugh, Michele Luke, Mason Locklear (13)*



*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.*

<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>	Molly Lorenz
<b>Moderator of Spiritual Council</b>	Molly Lorenz
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