

**“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

March 1, 2020

11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“A Prayerful Peace” (Klingermann)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CHIMING OF THE HOUR RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

please rise

Leader: Come, all you people, come and worship.

People: **God has made a covenant with us.**

Leader: Come, all creatures of the earth,
come and worship.

People: **God has made a covenant with all creatures.**

Leader: Remember the covenant and be thankful.

People: **God remembers the covenant and God will
save us.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” *Glory to God 415*

CALL TO CONFESSION

those who desire to kneel, may do so at this time

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, from the time of Adam and Eve, we have been a sinful and self-centered race. We come to you with our faults and fears, our shortcomings and our sin. Hear our prayer and forgive us. Wipe our tears of sadness away with your love. Help us to receive grace and newness of life through your son, Jesus, our Lord.

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 -

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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: O Lord, open my lips,

People: And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

“We Are Standing on Holy Ground” *Glory to God 406*

PASSING THE PEACE

*Let us greet one another with the word,
“The peace of Christ be with you.”*

THE CHILDREN’S TIME

please be seated

HYMN

please rise

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

Glory to God 618

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

please be seated

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| Hebrew Lesson | Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 | <i>page 2</i> |
| Epistle Lesson | Romans 5:12-19 | <i>page 156</i> |
| | <i>please rise</i> | |
| Gospel Lesson | Matthew 4:1-11 | <i>page 3</i> |
| | Leader: Holy Wisdom | |
| | People: Holy Word | |

THE SERMON

ANTHEM

“Have Mercy O Lord” (Arcadelt)

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

*found on page 35 in Glory to God
said in unison (those who are able may stand)*

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
OFFERTORY**

“A Giving Heart” (Johann)

DOXOLOGY

please rise

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

O God, who called us from death to life, accept these gifts we offer today. We give ourselves to you, and with the church through all ages we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

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

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Leader: Let us go in peace and confidence,
remembering...

People: **God is our refuge.**

Leader: Let us rejoice and be consoled with the
assurance...

People: **God is our salvation.**

Leader: Thanks be to God,

People: **our refuge and our salvation.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Ubi caritas”

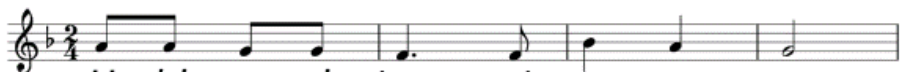
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Live in char-i - ty and stead - fast love.



Live in char-i - ty; God will dwell with you.



U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - - mor,




u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Fortified for Service”

(Livingston)



MAN
SHALL NOT
LIVE ON
bread
alone
— but by —
EVERY WORD
THAT COMES FROM
THE MOUTH
of God
Matthew 4:4



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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| Ministers | All the people of the Congregation |
| Pastor | The Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier |
| Minister of Music | Dan Weckerly |
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| Secretary of the Consistory | Molly Lorenz |
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