

**“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 8, 2020

11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Ave Verum Corpus” (Mozart)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CHIMING OF THE HOUR RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

please rise

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?

People: **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: God will not let your foot be moved,

People: **the One who keeps you will not slumber...**

Leader: The Lord will keep you from all evil;

People: **God will keep your life.**

Leader: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in,

People: **from this time on and forevermore.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Dearest Jesus, We Are Here” *Glory to God 483*

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, sometimes we come to you in the night, afraid of what others might think. Sometimes, when you invite us to begin journeys of faith, we refuse. We hear your promises, but we are filled with doubts, unsure about our future. Give us courage, beckoning God, to answer your call and become a blessing to the world. May the promise of eternal life make us bold and daring in this life, so that we live by grace alone.

silent prayer of confession

KYRIE

Unison

1 Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,
2 Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
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DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God who tests us, also forgives us.

People: God knows our weakness, and in Jesus, provides a way to a new beginning. God clears the record, that we may begin again to listen to God's word and be strengthened by the Spirit to resist temptation.

Leader: "Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." (Ps 32:1).

All: Thanks be to God!

“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

“As the Wind Song” *Glory to God 292*

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

please be seated

Hebrew Lesson	Genesis 12:1-4a	<i>page 10</i>
Epistle Lesson	Romans 4:1-5,13-17	<i>page 154</i>
	<i>please rise</i>	
Gospel Lesson	John 3:1-17	<i>page 93</i>
	Leader: Holy Wisdom	
	People: Holy Word	

THE SERMON

ANTHEM

“The Mystery of God” (Schutte)

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

“Be Still” (Hanson, Mendez)

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

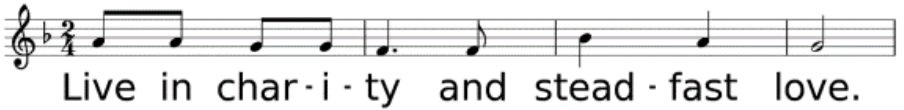
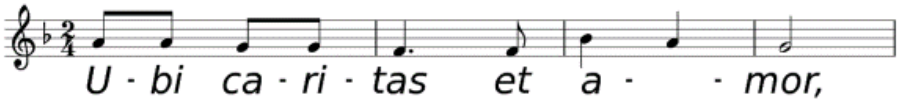
“Let All Things Now Living” *Glory to God 37*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Ubi caritas”

Glory to God 205



TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Humbly We Bow”

(Johannson)

*The bulletins are given to the Glory of God,
in memory of Elizabeth Augustine, by Judy Parker*



For God

so loved the world
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him
should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16



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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