

**“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 Suffering Servant” (Edmonds)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR/ RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.

People: And put a new and right Spirit within me.

Leader: Cast me not away from your presence.

People: And take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Leader: Restore to me the joy of your salvation.

All: An uphold me with a willing Spirit.

CALL TO CONFESSION

GOD, TENDER AND JUST

Musical score for "God, Tender and Just". The score is written on two staves in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 100. The lyrics are: "God, ten - der and just, for - give our sins; for - give our sins." The guitar chords are: C, Em, Am, Am7/G, F, G, Am, Am/G, Fmadd9, G7, C.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

MORE THAN WE CAN ASK

C Am⁷

More than we can ask, more than we can ask,

Detailed description: This is the first line of the hymn. It consists of a single staff of music in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The second measure starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes F4, E4, and D4. The lyrics 'More than we can ask, more than we can ask,' are written below the staff. Chord symbols 'C' and 'Am⁷' are placed above the first and second measures respectively.

Dm⁷ G

more than we can ask or i - mag - ine.

Detailed description: This is the second line of the hymn. It consists of a single staff of music in treble clef. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The second measure starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes F4, E4, and D4. The lyrics 'more than we can ask or i - mag - ine.' are written below the staff. Chord symbols 'Dm⁷' and 'G' are placed above the first and second measures respectively.

Hear, oh hear... our pray'r. Hear, oh hear... our pray'r.

Detailed description: This is the third line of the hymn. It consists of a single staff of music in treble clef. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The second measure starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes F4, E4, and D4. The lyrics 'Hear, oh hear... our pray'r. Hear, oh hear... our pray'r.' are written below the staff. The staff ends with a double bar line.

C Am⁷

More than we can ask, more than we can ask,

Detailed description: This is the fourth line of the hymn. It consists of a single staff of music in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The second measure starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes F4, E4, and D4. The lyrics 'More than we can ask, more than we can ask,' are written below the staff. Chord symbols 'C' and 'Am⁷' are placed above the first and second measures respectively.

Dm⁷ G

more than we can ask or i - mag - ine.

Detailed description: This is the fifth line of the hymn. It consists of a single staff of music in treble clef. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The second measure starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes F4, E4, and D4. The lyrics 'more than we can ask or i - mag - ine.' are written below the staff. Chord symbols 'Dm⁷' and 'G' are placed above the first and second measures respectively.

Am G Am G C

A - - men. A - - men.

Detailed description: This is the sixth line of the hymn. It consists of a single staff of music in treble clef. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The second measure starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes F4, E4, and D4. The lyrics 'A - - men. A - - men.' are written below the staff. Chord symbols 'Am', 'G', 'Am', 'G', and 'C' are placed above the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth measures respectively. The staff ends with a double bar line.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN

“Great Is Your Faithfulness” *The New Century Hymnal 423*

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Genesis 17:1-7,15-16

Responsorial Psalm 22

“I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.”

Second Reading Romans 4:13-25

Gospel Lesson Mark 8:31-38

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand
 of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
 the holy catholic church;
 the communion of saints;
 the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body;
 and the life everlasting. Amen.³

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

Almighty God, we thank you for the covenant you established with Abraham and Sarah, which you have opened to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept these offerings with the dedication of our lives, that we may be for the world a sign of your abiding love and a testament to your enduring promise. In Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Lift High the Cross” *Glory to God 826*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Take Up The Cross” (Hsu)

February/March Birthdays
2/28 through 3/6/2021

*S. Lee Fryer (28); Esther Marian Mosier (29);
Janet Bontcue, Joe Hallman (3)*



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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