

**“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 15, 2020

11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Hearts Melded to You” (Nixon, Benedict)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CHIMING OF THE HOUR RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

please rise

Leader: Let us sing to God a joyful song.

People: **Let us sing of good news and hopeful belonging.**

Leader: Let us leave behind our need of signs and proof.

People: **Let us be receptive to the new life God creates.**

Leader: Let us rejoice because the God of grace has found us.

People: **Let us worship and praise God.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” *Glory to God 81*

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Hear the commandments of God: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me.

People: Lord, forgive our idolatry.

Leader: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People: Lord, forgive us for chasing lesser gods.

Leader: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

People: Lord, forgive our blasphemy.

Leader: Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People: Lord, forgive our forgetfulness.

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

People: Lord, forgive us for neglecting our elders.

Leader: You shall not murder.

People: Lord, forgive us for celebrating violence.

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

People: Lord, forgive our lustful hearts.

Leader: You shall not steal.

People: Lord, forgive us for oppressing the poor.

Leader: You shall not be a false witness.

People: Lord, forgive our lying lips.

Leader: You shall not covet.

People: Lord, forgive our greedy hearts.

Leader: This is the Word of the 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

THE CHILDREN’S TIME

please be seated

HYMN

please rise

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Glory to God 440

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

please be seated

Hebrew Lesson	Exodus 17:1-17	<i>page 64</i>
Epistle Lesson	Romans 5:1-11	<i>page 155</i>
	<i>please rise</i>	
Gospel Lesson	John 4:5-42	<i>page 94</i>
	Leader: Holy Wisdom	
	People: Holy Word	

THE SERMON

ANTHEM

“Lenten Meditation”

(Althouse)

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

“Penitent and Patient”

(Gaiter)

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.

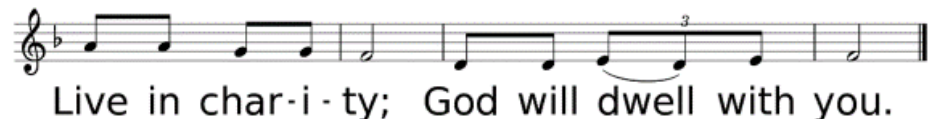
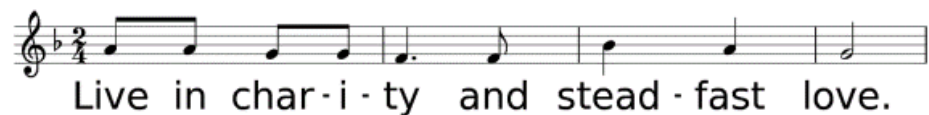
CLOSING HYMN

“Come Now to the Water” *Glory to God 479*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Ubi caritas” *Glory to God 205*



TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Service in Love” (Loewe)



Jesus said

whoever

drinks the water

that I shall give him

will never thirst again.

It will become a well of water

springing up within him for eternal life

John 4:14



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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