

**“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 7, 2021

11:00 AM



using the Temple

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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Jesus Speaks” (Kindon)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR/ RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

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

♩=100

The musical 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 musical score. It consists of a single staff in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The melody is written in eighth and quarter notes. Above the staff, the chord 'C' is written above the first measure and 'Am⁷' is written above the second measure.

Dm⁷ G

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

Detailed description: This is the second line of the musical score. It consists of a single staff in treble clef. The melody continues from the previous line. Above the staff, the chord 'Dm⁷' is written above the first measure and 'G' is written above the second measure.

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

Detailed description: This is the third line of the musical score. It consists of a single staff in treble clef. The melody is written in quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are 'Hear, oh hear... our pray'r. Hear, oh hear... our pray'r.'

C Am⁷

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

Detailed description: This is the fourth line of the musical score. It consists of a single staff in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The melody is written in eighth and quarter notes. Above the staff, the chord 'C' is written above the first measure and 'Am⁷' is written above the second measure.

Dm⁷ G

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

Detailed description: This is the fifth line of the musical score. It consists of a single staff in treble clef. The melody continues from the previous line. Above the staff, the chord 'Dm⁷' is written above the first measure and 'G' is written above the second measure.

Am G Am G C

A - - men. A - - men.

Detailed description: This is the sixth line of the musical score. It consists of a single staff in treble clef. The melody is written in quarter and eighth notes. Above the staff, the chords 'Am', 'G', 'Am', 'G', and 'C' are written above the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth measures respectively. The lyrics are 'A - - men. A - - men.'

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN "Sing My Tongue"

Unison

1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle, right has tri - umphed
 2 Since the first tree brought earth sor - row, griev - ing, God then
 3 Thir - ty years of life com - plet - ed, now the hu - man
 4 Of all trees is none so faith - ful, none of such no -

o - ver wrong; Now the cross stands as the to - ken
 chose the way; Chose the tree to bear the Sav - ior,
 form is spent; Born to fill this sa - cred mo - ment,
 bil - i - ty As the cross, whose leaves, and blo - ssoms,

of the strug - gle, fierce and long; Christ the vic - tim
 chose in man - ger poor to lay; Thus the plan of
 fac - ing death with full in - tent, For the sac - ri -
 and whose fruit shall match - less be— Sweet - est wood and

now is vic - tor, sing the no - ble tri - umph song.
 our sal - va - tion; God for all our sin would pay.
 fice of a - ges, to the cross the Lamb is sent,
 nails of i - ron, sweet weight bear - ing grace - ful - ly.

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17

Responsorial Psalm 19

“The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.”

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Gospel Lesson John 2:13-22

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.

BELL CHOIR

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

Gracious God, you have given us everything we need for a good life lived in relationship with you and neighbor. We commit ourselves anew to living as you command. Guide, protect, and help us in living out our intention, and receive and use this offering as a statement of our sincerity. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“What A Covenant” *The New Century Hymnal 471*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Lenten Meditation” (McCarthy-Murray)

March Birthdays

3/7 through 3/13/2021

*Marissa Perez (7); Dona McGlone (10);
Charmain Rosen (12); Missy Kleinert (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.

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