



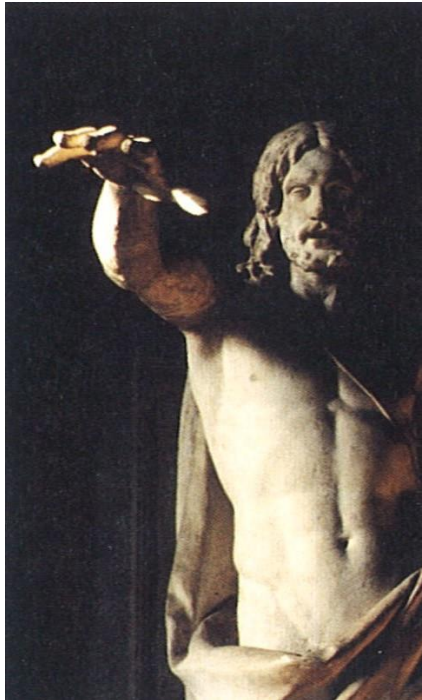
**“Whoever you are...wherever you are on life’s journey,  
you are welcome here.”  
God is Still Speaking**

	<h1><b>ASCENSION</b></h1>	
<p><b>A FUTURE WITH HOPE</b></p>		

***An Open and Affirming Congregation***

**March 20, 2022**

**11:00 AM**



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**Order of Worship**

**PRELUDE**

“Unless You Repent” (Phillips)

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
CHIMING OF THE HOUR  
RECEIVING THE LIGHT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

- Leader: We are gathered in the presence of God,  
who asks us to choose between life and death,  
blessing and curse.
- People: We are gathered like the people of Israel, who  
were challenged to choose the way of life.**
- Leader: Like them, we often follow the ways of death.
- People: Yet, like them, we have the freedom each day  
to begin anew by the grace of God.**
- Leader: By our presence here, we are saying that we want  
to choose life one more time.
- All: Let us praise the God of love and life who has  
called us to this place. Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

“Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing” *Glory to God 475*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mystery, we confess we must say with Paul, “I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.” When we ask why there is this interminable struggle with evil in ourselves and in the world, you seem silent. We confess that it is easier to believe that we succumb to evil tendencies because we are victims of circumstance or upbringing, neighborhood or nationality, than accept that we sin by our own choices, that we need to repent and take responsibility to change. Save us, we pray. *Romans 7:19*

*silent prayer of confession*

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
People: **and put a new and right spirit within me.**

Leader: O Lord, open my lips,  
People: **and my mouth will declare your praise.**

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

*Glory to God 692*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: “When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, God saved us, not because of any works of righteousness we had done, but because of God’s mercy,

People: **We were saved through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit God poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior” *Titus 3:4-6*

People: **Thanks be to God who has changed our lives!**

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

People: **and our mouths shall show forth your praise!**

## **THE SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*please be seated*

Hebrew Lesson    Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

Epistle Lesson    1 Corinthians 10:1-13

*please rise*

Gospel Lesson    Luke 13:1-9

Leader: Holy Wisdom

**People: Holy Word**

## **THE SERMON**

### **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**

#### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Holy God, your forbearance with us and the world is amazing grace. We know that the world will only change as we change, person by person, family by family, church by church, nation by nation. We bless you for giving us time to become the people you intend and to build Christ's realm of justice, mercy, and peace on earth as in heaven. Receive our offering for this transforming work, we pray. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”    *Glory to God 687*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

**POSTLUDE**

“Bearing Fruit”    (Kovaleski)

**March Birthdays**

**3/20-3/26/2022**

*Adam George (20); Katie Sickles (23);*

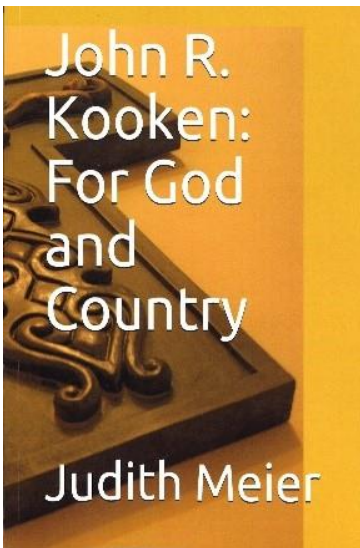
*Linda Kurylo, Kimberly Lane (25)*

**SAVE THE DATE**

**ASCENSION IS CELEBRATING  
175 YEARS  
WITH A "FUTURE WITH HOPE"**

**SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022**

**MORE DETAILS WILL BE SENT  
IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE**



*John R. Kooker  
For God and Country*

A book written by Reverend Judith Meier  
on the Founding Pastor of the

Reformed Church of the Ascension.

Jay is selling copies at \$10 each and the  
proceeds will go to the Church's Organ  
Fund. The Church office has 4 copies left.

If you would like a copy, please contact the  
church office.

## **Upcoming Worship Schedule**

**Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM –  
Fourth Sunday in Lent with Communion**

**Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00AM –  
Fifth Sunday in Lent with Rev. David Akers as Preacher**

**Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM –  
Palm/Passion Sunday**

**Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM –  
Maundy Thursday Service with Communion**

**Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am -  
Easter Service with Communion**



*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.*

<b>Ministers</b>	All the people of the Congregation
<b>Pastor</b>	The Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier
<b>Minister of Music</b>	Dan Weckerly
<b>President of the Consistory</b>	Liz Brunton
<b>Vice President of the Consistory</b>	Michele Luke
<b>Secretary of the Consistory</b>	Liam D'Aquila
<b>Moderator of Spiritual Council</b>	Molly Lorenz
<b>Elders:</b>	Liz Brunton, Robin Weed, Mary Lambon Molly Lorenz, Barbara Montague-Graham
<b>Chair of the Diaconate</b>	Michele Luke
<b>Deacons:</b>	Liam D'Aquila, Sandy Dounce, Jan Backes Michele Luke, Lynda Waltman, Christa Cavanaugh
<b>Church Secretary</b>	Judy Parker
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