

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

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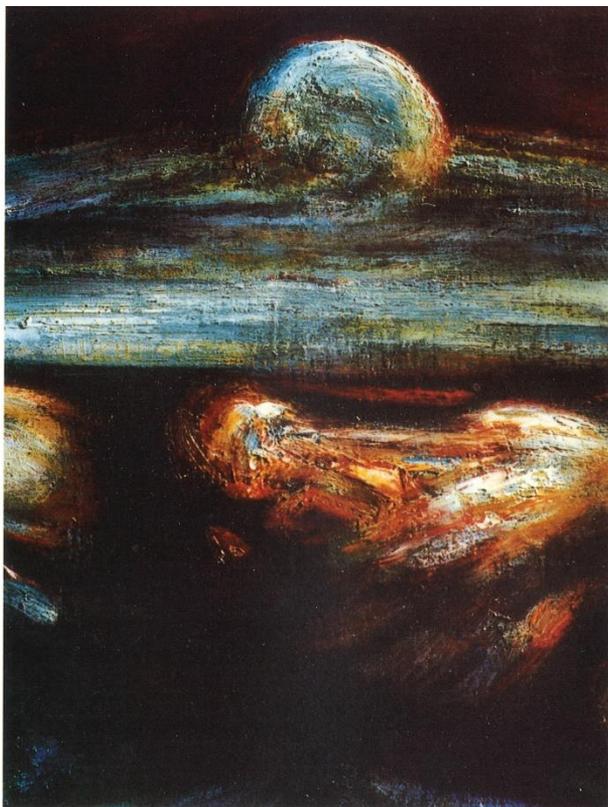
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



An Open and Affirming Congregation

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11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Be Lifted Up” (Markowski)

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

C Em Am Am⁷/G F G

God, ten - der and just, for - give___ our

Am Am/G Fm^{add9} G⁷ C

sins; for - give___ our___ sins.

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 first 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 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 fourth 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 notes with a slur over the first two notes of each measure. Above the staff, the chords 'Am', 'G', 'Am', 'G', and 'C' are written above the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth measures respectively.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN “What Wondrous Love Is This”

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul! O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To God and to the
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm

this! that Christ should come in bliss to bear the heav-y cross for my
 Lamb who is the great I Am, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the heav-y cross for my soul!
 sing, I will sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Numbers 21:4-9

Responsorial Psalm 107

“Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.”

Second Reading Ephesians 2:1-10

Gospel Lesson John 3:14-21

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

THE SERMON Kimberly Cornwell, student
Moravian Theological Seminary

SPECIAL MUSIC: BELL CHOIR

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.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy the Paschal feast that, fervent in prayer and words of mercy, and renewed by your Word and sacraments; we may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore, we join with the whole of your family in heaven and on earth forever praising you and singing.

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Glory to God 552

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Most holy and gracious God, in infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we have fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, in fullness of time, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem the world, to live and die as one of us, but without sin, to reconcile us to you and to one another. He stretched out his arms upon the cross and there offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Leader: On the night He was delivered to suffering and death our Lord took bread, gave thanks to God, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” After supper he took the cup, gave thanks to God, gave it to his disciples and said, “Drink from this, all of you; this is the blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Leader: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, most holy God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts which you have given. Sanctify us that we may faithfully receive this sacrament and serve you in unity, fidelity and peace; and at the last bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal realm, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Through Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

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.*

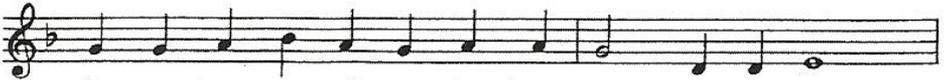
BREAKING THE BREAD & POURING THE WINE

LAMB OF GOD

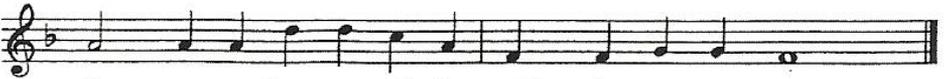
Alice Jordan



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re-deem-er of the world: give us your peace.

PARTAKING OF THE MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank you, Holy God, for giving us this meal, shared in the Spirit, which sustains us with the food and drink of life. Grace our lives that we may at the last come and share in the heavenly banquet of your realm, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

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

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

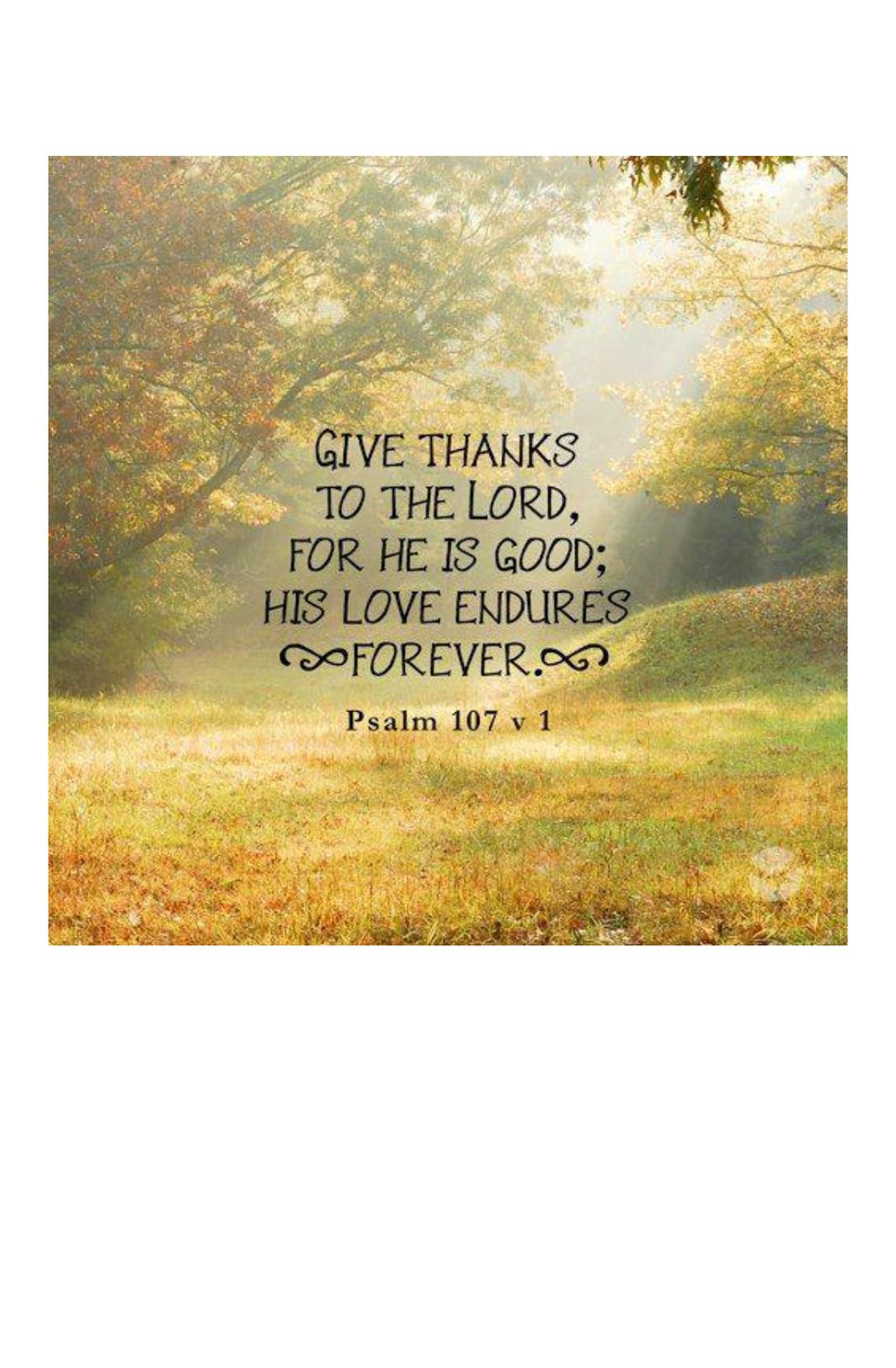
POSTLUDE

“Light Has Come” (Min)

March Birthdays

3/14 through 3/20/2021

*David Weed, Nancy Rosen (14); Joan Hagerman (19);
Adam George (20)*

A scenic autumn landscape featuring a large tree on the left with yellow and orange leaves, a misty background, and a field of tall grass in the foreground. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

GIVE THANKS
TO THE LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD;
HIS LOVE ENDURES
∞FOREVER.∞

Psalm 107 v 1



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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