

**“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 29, 2020

11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“A Repentant Spirit” (Doone)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

please rise

Leader: Press on, press on...the goal is love.

People: **God is love.**

Leader: Press on, press on...the goal is life.

People: **Christ is life.**

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People: **Christ is life.**

Leader: Let us worship our God!

GATHERING HYMN

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit” *Glory to God 66*

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we have been slow to leave our past behind, and move forward in faith. There are so many roadblocks that you alone can remove. There are faults in others that we are slow to forget and forgive. There are times when we dwell on things that we cannot change. We have chosen perfectionism and self-righteousness. Forgive us, O God. Help us offer our faith in Christ to others, without so many roadblocks. Strengthen our resolve, as we run this race of faith. Free us to love, O God. Keep us within your care, that we may be guided to follow Christ where he leads us. Save us from the sin that holds us back, and grant that we may hear your call to move ahead with a sense of mission. Forgive us, free us, and save us as people of the resurrection. Amen.

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 - e e - le - i - son,
2 Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

F# Bm E A (f)

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 SCRIPTURE READINGS

please be seated

Hebrew Lesson Ezekiel 37:1-14 *page 806*

Epistle Lesson Romans 8:6,9-11 *page 157*

please rise

Gospel Lesson John 11:17-27 *page 105*

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

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

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.

CLOSING HYMN

“In the Bulb There is a Flower” *Glory to God 250*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Leader: Go forth with tears turned into joy, weeping transformed into laughter.

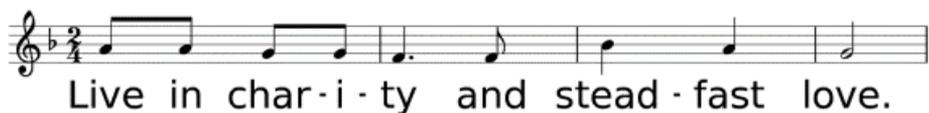
People: **We go forth as a renewed people, with dreams of love and justice for all.**

Leader: Go forth to claim your identity as beloved people of God.

People: **God has done great things for us. We go to spread this good news to a parched and weary world.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Ubi caritas” *Glory to God 205*



TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“We Commit to Thee” (Anderssen)



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.

Ministers	All the people of the Congregation
Pastor	The Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier
Minister of Music	Dan Weckerly
President of the Consistory	Liz Brunton
Vice President of the Consistory	Michele Luke
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