

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

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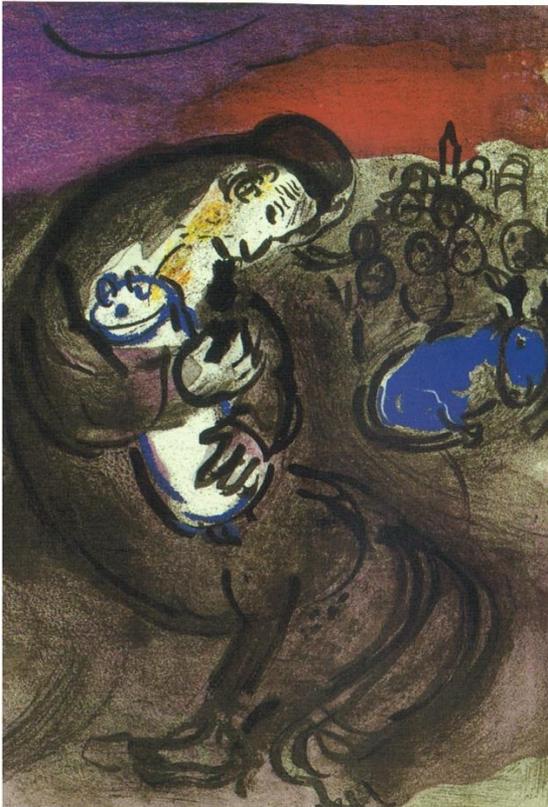
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



An Open and Affirming Congregation

March 21, 2021

11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Remain in Me”

(Kelleher)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR/ RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the name of the Creator, Christ, and Spirit.

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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "God, Tender and Just". It consists of two staves of music in C major, 4/4 time, with a tempo marking of ♩=100. The first staff contains the melody and lyrics: "God, ten - der and just, for - give___ our". The second staff continues the melody and lyrics: "sins; for - give___ our___ sins." Chord symbols are written above the notes: C, Em, Am, Am⁷/G, F, G on the first staff, and Am, Am/G, Fm^{add9}, G⁷, C on the second staff.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

MORE THAN WE CAN ASK

C Am⁷
More than we can ask, more than we can ask,

Dm⁷ G
more than we can ask or i - mag - ine.

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

C Am⁷
More than we can ask, more than we can ask,

Dm⁷ G
more than we can ask or i - mag - ine.

Am G Am G C
A - - men. A - - men.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

Glory to God 692

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

Responsorial Psalm 51

“Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.”

Second Reading Hebrews 5:5-10

Gospel Lesson John 12:20-33

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

Liz Brunton

THE UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH

say in unison

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior
Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image, and set before each
one the ways of life and death

You seek in holy love to save all people
from aimlessness & sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and
risen Savior, you have come to us
and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages,
tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world, and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you, forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *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 renew hope when we feel most hopeless for ourselves, the conditions in our own lives, and in the world. You have shown us in Jesus that there is more to come than what we presently see. We believe for this new life for ourselves, for the church, society, and all creation. With faith we make our offering Christ's name. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord” *Glory to God 69*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“The Love of Christ Transforms Us” (Burgess)

March Birthdays
3/21 through 3/27/2021

Katie Sickles (23); Linda Kurylo, Kimberly Lane (25)

**Create in me a clean heart,
O God; and renew
a right spirit within me.**

Psalm 51:10





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
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Vice President of the Consistory	Michele Luke
Secretary of the Consistory	Molly Lorenz
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