

**“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

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11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Air” (J.S. Bach)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

please rise

Leader: We are people who have heard news - good news -
for the whole world.

**People: Jesus is the good news, the good news of God for
everyone; and we are those called to share the message
with others who have not heard.**

Leader: We are here to celebrate God's gift in Christ, to
worship the giver, and to prepare to be witnesses to the ends of
the earth.

GATHERING HYMN

“Jesus Calls Us”

Glory to God 720

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

in unison

Merciful God, we confess with sorrow our failure to be the
church Christ needs us to be.

We lament our small numbers, but confess also how often we
have shirked our responsibility to speak the gospel when given
an opportunity.

Help us to honestly face our rationalizations and our resistances, to see that what we think as reasons are but excuses and avoidances. We become easily weakened in our convictions. Forgive us for neglecting your commission, we pray.

silent prayer of confession

KYRIE

The musical score for the Kyrie section is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, 3/4 time, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is divided into four measures, each with a chord marking above it: A, D, E, and A. The lyrics are provided for two parts: Part 1 and Part 2. The lyrics are: 1 Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. The chord markings are: F# (under the first measure), Bm (under the second measure), E (under the third measure), and A (under the fourth measure). There is also a circled 'A' at the end of the second line of lyrics.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Glory to God 591

PASSING THE PEACE

*Let us greet one another with the word,
“The peace of Christ be with you.”*

THE CHILDREN’S TIME

please be seated

HYMN

please rise

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” *Glory to God 721*

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

please be seated

Hebrew Lesson Isaiah 9:1-4 *page 638*
Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 *page 16*

please rise for the gospel

Gospel Lesson Matthew 4:12-23 *page 3*

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

THE UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH

please rise and 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.

please be seated

**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
OFFERTORY**

“Bourree” (Telemann)

DOXOLOGY

please rise

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God, your mercy, compassion, and peace were extended to the whole world in Jesus. We have been charged with the work of

letting the world know this truth. We bring this offering as pledge of our response to your call to participate in spreading the gospel, and to this end we dedicate it in the name of Christ.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“God Be With You”

God be with you, God be with you,

God be with you, till we meet again.

O God be with you, God be with you,

God be with you, till we meet again.

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune”

(Mouret)



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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