

“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

May 31, 2020

11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Breath of Heaven” (Unger)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us acknowledge the company in which we meet: the church on earth and in heaven; the faithful who have worshipped among us; those who have gone before us.

People: **Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and sin that cling so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.**

Leader: In the name of Jesus, our one Lord and Savior, let us worship God.

GATHERING HYMN

“Gather Us In” *Glory to God 401*

PRAYER

Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy church, we praise you for calling us into the company of those who trust in Christ. You have made us strangers no longer, but pilgrims together on the way to your kingdom. May your Spirit work among us now to inspire our praise and reveal your truth. Guide us closer to you and to one another so that, in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace, we may be strengthened for mission and service through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

Glory to God 291

verse 1

PASSING THE PEACE

THE PROCLAMATION

John 7:37-39

HYMN

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

Glory to God 291

verses 2 & 3

THE PROCLAMATION

Acts 2:1-21

THE SERMON

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

Leader:

Siblings in Christ, we are united by a common faith in Jesus Christ. The power at work in this community does not come from our own strength but from God’s Spirit working in us. Claiming God’s promises, we remember again God’s gracious love for us and recommit ourselves to joyful life together in Christ.

POURING OF THE WATER

THE TEACHING ABOUT BAPTISM

Leader: Through baptism God gave us a gracious sign of love and hope in Christ. Hear again the promises God has made to us in Christ. Baptism is the sign and seal of God's promises to this covenant people.

In baptism God promises by grace alone to forgive our sins; to adopt us into the body of Christ, the church; to send the Holy Spirit daily to renew and cleanse us, and to resurrect us to eternal life.

This promise is made visible in the water of baptism. Water cleanses, purifies, refreshes, sustains; Jesus Christ is living water. Through baptism, Christ call us to new obedience; to love and trust God completely, to forsake the evil of the world, and to live a new and holy life.

Yet, when we fall into sin, we must not despair of God's mercy or continue in sin, for baptism is the sign and seal of God's eternal covenant of grace with us.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

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.

VIDEO – “TOGETHER WE’RE STRONG”

INVITATION

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: Holy God, we praise you.
Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad.
We bless you for creating the whole world, for
your promises to your people Israel, and for the
life we know in Jesus Christ your Son. Born of
Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he
welcomes us. Leading his followers, he guides us.
Dying on the cross, he rescues us. Risen from the
dead, he gives new life.
With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup
and proclaim his death and resurrection. Receive
our sacrifice of praise.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Leader: Send to us your Holy Spirit that this meal may be
holy and your people may become one. Unite us
in faith, inspire us to love, encourage us with
hope, that we may receive Christ as he comes to
us in this holy banquet. We praise you, almighty
Father, through Christ your Son, in the
Holy Spirit.

People: **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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

**All: We remember Jesus death,
we proclaim His resurrection,
we await His coming in glory.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & POURING THE WINE

Leader: Through the broken bread we participate in the
body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing we
share in the new life Christ gives.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Amen.

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come,
for all things are ready, come and taste and see
how good the Lord is.

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 your life.
Grace our lives that we may at the last come to share in the
heavenly banquet of your realm, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Leader: Remember your baptism and be thankful. You are disciples of Jesus Christ. Live in love, as Christ loves us and gave himself for us. Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; give thanks in all circumstances.

People: **For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for us.**

Leader: The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus.

All: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” *Glory to God 291*
verses 1 & 4

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

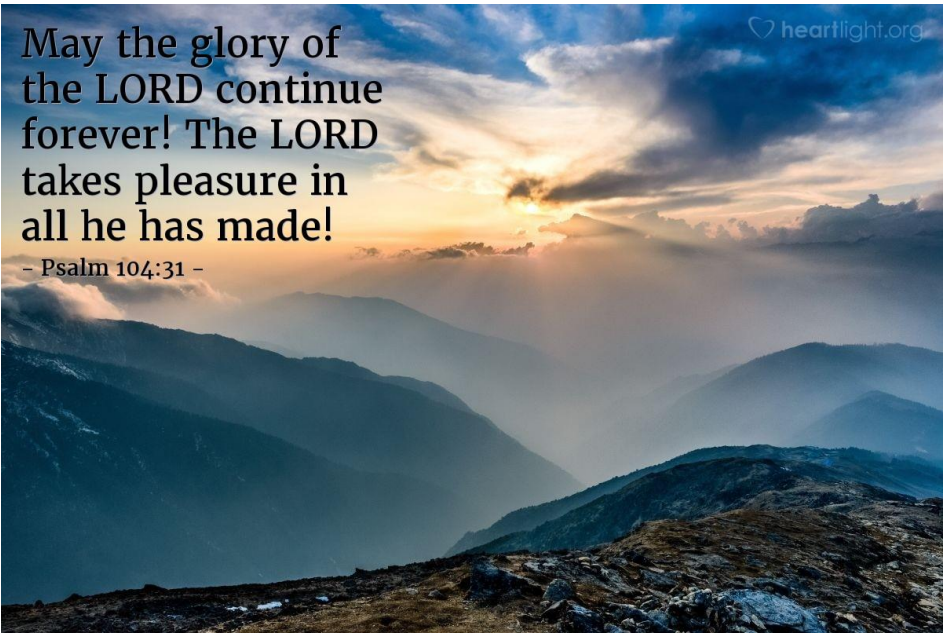
POSTLUDE

“Filled with the Spirit, We Go Forth” (Danaher)

May the glory of
the LORD continue
forever! The LORD
takes pleasure in
all he has made!

- Psalm 104:31 -

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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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