

**“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

July 12, 2020

11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Kinship in Christ”

(Knox)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Not by faithfulness of our efforts, but by the faithfulness of God’s promises, we approach God for worship.

People: **Not by our goodness, but by the goodness of God, we are assured of a welcome.**

Leader: Not by the perfection of our liturgy, but by the perfection of God’s love is our worship acceptable in God’s sight.

People: **Trusting then in God’s grace we will celebrate together.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Bring Many Names”

Glory to God 760

MORNING PRAYER

In the world's eyes, we waste a summer's day by taking the time to worship on a livestream, but we choose to gather in community knowing that you take this seemingly wasted hour and make it rich with your presence. You take our flawed lives and make them new, redeeming them and reaping for yourself a harvest of devoted people who desire to do your will. We praise and worship you for this and for all blessings poured out upon us and all creation: for the gift of each day, each season and each relationship, especially the relationship that is ours with and through Jesus the Christ, in whose life we find our life.

silent prayer

SONG OF PRAISE

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Glory to God 591

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN

“Sacred the Body”

Glory to God 27

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Genesis 25:19-34

Second Reading Romans 8:1-11

Gospel Lesson Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

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.

THE 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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God of life, you call us to be sojourners. Send us, O Christ, into the world to sow your seeds of righteousness and peace. We offer ourselves to your service with the prayer that we become receptive to your command. Nourish us with the gifts of your Spirit that we may grow more pleasing in your sight. We pray that the fruit of our faith shall lead others to you.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“You Are Salt for the Earth, O People”

New Century Hymnal 181

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Hearts Full of Love”

(Anders)



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
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