

“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 19, 2020**

**11:00 AM**



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**Order of Worship**

**PRELUDE**

“Loving and Forgiving” (Gerheardt-Lowe)

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God is here!

**People: God is here to bless us!**

Leader: God is here to fill us with the Bread of Life!

**People: Manna from Heaven! Lunch on the Grass!**

**The Word that is Living Bread!**

Leader: Come, let us worship God together.

**GATHERING HYMN**

“Gather Us In” *Glory to God 401*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have embedded your wondrous gift in the soil of this world; the invaluable treasure of relationship with you through Jesus the Christ is ours to receive. Yet we confess we have neither yearned nor searched for this greatest of gifts with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. We come to worship, but often fail to be alert, attentive, and responsive. Our mind may be distracted, our nerves taut, our sensitivity dulled by fatigue or stress from life in the world where we have pursued goals of questionable worth. We confess we have invested our life energy in things material and temporal, only to find their value limited, transitory, and ultimately unsatisfying. We discover often after pain and sorrow that true value lies in things spiritual: in communion with Jesus as Savior and friend, in selfless giving, in growth in the Spirit. Forgive our distorted vision and willful sins. Forgive us and help us to begin again the search for the true treasure of life.

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

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

## SONG OF PRAISE

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” *Glory to God 591*

## PASSING THE PEACE

### HYMN

“Glory, Glory Hallelujah” *New Century Hymnal 2*  
*Solo by Liz Brunton*

## THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading      Genesis 28:10-19a

Second Reading      Romans 8:12-25

Gospel Lesson      Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

Leader: Holy Wisdom

**People: Holy Word**

## THE SERMON

## 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](http://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**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”      *Glory to God 65*

## **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

## **TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

## **POSTLUDE**

“Walk His Path”      (Pennington)



**If I rise on the wings of the dawn,  
if I settle on the far side of the sea,  
even there your hand will guide me,  
your right hand will hold me fast.**

**Psalm 139:9-10**





*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.*

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