

**“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 18, 2021

10:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Song of Summer” (Petersen)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR/RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come into the presence of God with songs of praise and shouts of thanksgiving.

People: **For our Savior frees us from slavery;
our Savior heals our diseases;
our Savior is our peace.**

Leader: You are a holy temple in the Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **Come, let us worship God.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Great is Your Faithfulness” *The New Century Hymnal* 423

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, your steadfast love endures forever. We confess that we act as if we are in control as if you will bless whatever we do. If we think of others at all, it is with an eye toward their usefulness to us. If we consider your creation, it is to ponder what benefits us. We have failed to show your love or to do justice in obedience to you. We have no right to be called your children. Forgive our sins, we humbly pray. Put the mind of Christ within us, O God, so that our lives take the form of a cross. Use us to break down walls of hostility within the church, among the nations, and around the world. Equip us to do your will, giving you glory, honor, and praise.

silent prayer of confession

KYRIE

Leader: Lord have mercy.
People: Christ have mercy.
Leader: Lord have mercy.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN

“Amazing Grace” *Glory to God 649*

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Second Reading Ephesians 2:11-22
please rise
Gospel Lesson Mark 6:30-34,53-56
Leader: Holy Wisdom
People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

MEDITATION: “Special Music”

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, enthroned in eternity; crucified and risen Christ, dwelling in heaven and with your people; powerful Holy Spirit, bringing life and truth; we thank you for calling us when we had no hope and for crowning us with salvation. We thank you for enriching our lives with all that is good and for providing for us in times of trial. Make us evermore mindful of the blessings you grant us each day; deepen our trust in your love and mercy. Increase our thanksgiving by guiding our offerings to help others in need. Unite us all in a community of thanksgiving, always glorifying you now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“There is a Place of Quiet Rest” *Glory to God 824*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Postludium in F” (Stairs)

**Thank you, Rev. David Akers,
for leading our worship today.**

July Birthdays 7/18-7/24/2021

Todd Gieringer (19); Jacob Dzedzy (22); Mabel Clayboss (24)

July Anniversaries 7/18-7/24/2021

Lowell & Kristen Ladd (19); Justin & Jennifer Satterwhite (21)

Question for Reflection

God promised to build King David into a “house.” Paul told the Ephesians that in Christ they would be built into “a dwelling place for God.” How is the Holy Spirit living in you?

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy One who is Holy Three, I praise you as I rise from my bed. As the morning dew glistens and songbirds greet the day, let my prayers go up to you. Awaken my body to the wonder of life and fill my spirit with the joy of your presence. I seek your guidance as I prepare for activity; instruct me on what is necessary and what is fruitless so that I wisely use the gifts you give me. Let me see all people as your beloved children, some needing care, some needing forgiveness, all deserving dignity, respect and hospitality. If it is your will, protect me from harm. In all events, grant me the comfort of your presence so that I can faithfully obey your will. Spare others suffering because of my sinfulness. Let me bear witness to your goodness in my words, my actions, and my silences so that you can use me to draw others into your presence. Bring us together into the time when Christ Jesus comes, and all sorrows are wiped away. Then all will be one and joined to you in love by the grace of our same Lord Jesus Christ, who, together with you and the Holy Spirit, is worshiped and glorified now and forever. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Majesty of holiness, thank you for another day lived in your grace. Thank you for all whom I met who showed me your kindness. Help me to repent of my sins before I go to my bed this night. Let me receive the blessing of forgiveness and enter a period of rest with the burdens of the day lifted from me, and the comfort of your peace as a pillow for my head. If it is your will, speak to me as I sleep, and let me remember your words as I rise to a new day, giving you thanks and praise, one God in three persons forever. Amen.



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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| Pastor | The Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier |
| Minister of Music | Dan Weckerly |
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