

“Whoever you are...wherever you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here.”
God is Still Speaking

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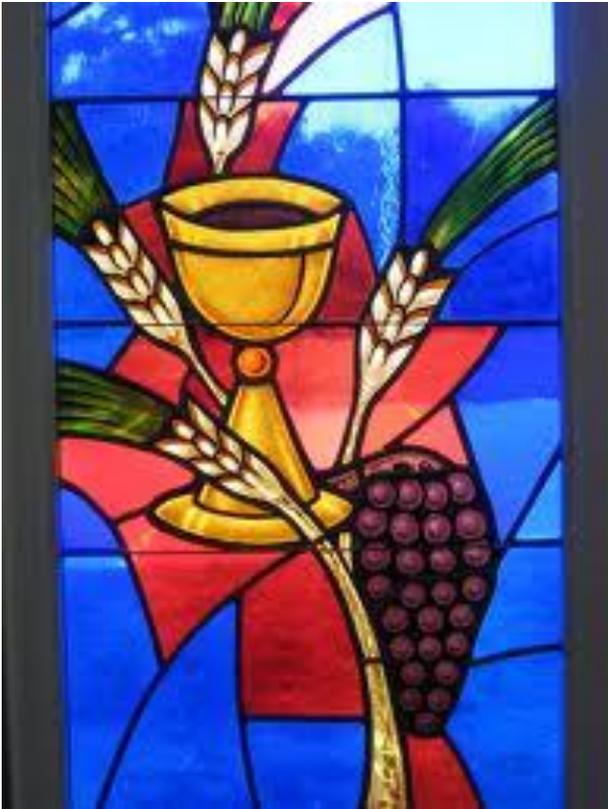
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



An Open and Affirming Congregation

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11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Let God’s Peace Abound”

(Jamison)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CHIMING OF THE HOUR RECEIVING THE LIGHT

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Leader: Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we are called into worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him. Today, we ask for the faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is, that we might worship him in truth. People of God, behold and see your God!

People: **We open our eyes to see his glory.**
We open our ears to hear his wisdom.
We open our hands to offer him gifts.
We open our mouths to sing his praise.
We open our hearts to offer him our love.
He is Lord!

PASSING THE PEACE

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Genesis 32:22-31

Second Reading Romans 9:1-5

Gospel Lesson Matthew 14:13-21

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Bread of Life from Heaven”

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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.

CLOSING HYMN

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”
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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Joy in the Morning” (Bennison)



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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