

**“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

August 16, 2020

11:00 AM



Palmer Hayden, *Midsummer Night in Harlem*

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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Ruhe Sanft” (Mozart)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CHIMING OF THE HOUR RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: “Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.”

People: “The earth has yielded its increase; God,
our God has blessed us.”

Leader: “Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.” (*Psalm 67:5-6*)

GATHERING HYMN

“This Is a Day of New Beginnings” *verses 1 & 2*
The New Century Hymnal 417

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess our unfaithfulness to you and to your Christ. In the good times of life, we forget to give you thanks and, in the troubled times we become anxious and afraid, misguidedly looking for relief from worldly sources, or relying upon ourselves. Though it is our intention to be faithful Christians, we have failed again and again, for we recognize that we cannot remain steadfast and true in our own strength. We grieve your heart with our false self-confidence and lack of trust in you. Forgive and transform us, we pray.

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 - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

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

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

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Genesis 45:1-15

Second Reading Romans 11:1-2a,29-32

HYMN

“Healer of Our Every Ill” *Glory to God 795*

Gospel Lesson Matthew 15:21-28

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 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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of constancy, as you faithfully keep your promise to care for your people, so we make this offering to keep our pledge to share in Christ's work of caring for the needy. Bless these our gifts given with sincere concern for all with whom you and we are in covenant relationship. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“This Is a Day of New Beginnings” *verses 3 & 4*
The New Century Hymnal 417

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Voluntary in G” (Lee)



PSALM 133:1

HOW GOOD
AND PLEASANT IT IS
WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE
LIVE TOGETHER IN UNITY!



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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| Ministers | All the people of the Congregation |
| Pastor | The Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier |
| Minister of Music | Dan Weckerly |
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| Vice President of the Consistory | Michele Luke |
| Secretary of the Consistory | Molly Lorenz |
| Moderator of Spiritual Council | Molly Lorenz |
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Molly Lorenz, Barbara Montague-Graham |
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