

**“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 15, 2021**

**10:00 AM**



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**Order of Worship**

**PRELUDE**

“Praise to the Lord”      (Undermann)

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR/RECEIVING THE LIGHT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:**      I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word, I Hope;

**People:**      **My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.**

**Leader:**      O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with the Lord is great power to redeem.

**People:**      **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

“Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing”      *Glory to God 475*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change, open to us a future in which we can be changed and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

*silent prayer of confession*

**KYRIE**

Leader: Lord have mercy.

**People: Christ have mercy.**

Leader: Lord have mercy.

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**HYMN**

“Be Thou My Vision” *Glory to God 450*

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS**

First Reading Proverbs 9:1-6

Second Reading Ephesians 5:15-20  
*please rise*

Gospel Lesson Matthew 10:16-20

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**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Holy God, our love overflows in the gift of your Spirit.  
Bless these gifts we offer that they may spread your  
blessing in a world of hurt and need, in Christ's name.  
Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

**"I the Lord of Sea and Sky"                      *Glory to God 69***

## **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

**"Great Are the Lord's Works"                      (Elizabeth-Welles)**

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

**August Birthdays**

**8/15-8/21/2021**

*Jonathan Dzedzy (15); Loretta Rhoads (18); Beryl Rosen (19)*

**August Anniversaries**

**8/15-8/21/2021**

*Willie & Barbara Montague-Graham (21)*



# BE A BLESSING

PRAY OFTEN. BE KIND. GIVE THANKS.

DO GOOD. HAVE COURAGE.

LEAD WITH LOVE. PRACTICE PEACE.

BE THE LIGHT. WORK FOR JUSTICE.

ENCOURAGE OTHERS. BE JOYFUL.



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*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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| <b>Ministers</b>                        | All the people of the Congregation  |
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