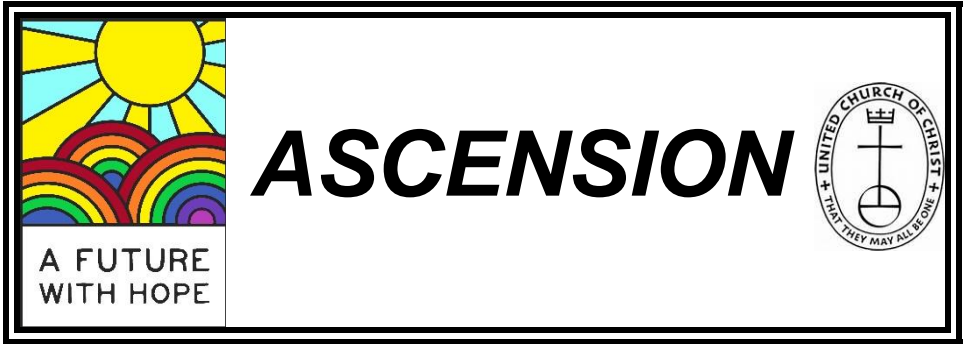


“Whoever you are...wherever you are on life’s journey,  
*you are welcome here.*”  
**God is Still Speaking**



*An Open and Affirming Congregation*

**August 21, 2022**

**10:00 AM**

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Psalm 103:1, 8

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## **Order of Worship**

### **PRELUDE**

“You Are Set Free” (Greene)

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

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*please rise*

**Leader:** God is our rock and our fortress, our refuge and strength.

**People:** God is our hope and our trust. Praise the Lord!

### **GATHERING HYMN**

“How Firm A Foundation” *Glory to God 463*

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of Life, you come to us as a consuming fire, and the one who has consecrated us before time. You promise us a kingdom that cannot be shaken and call us to serve you with praise and thanksgiving. But we forget and yield to fear. We trust in the tangible rewards of this world and neglect your promises. We confess that we are a divided people; we foster separations and widen rifts in our families, our communities, and in the world. Open us to your healing. Free us from all that distances us from your presence. Give us your grace and inspire us to serve you with courage; through Jesus Christ who comes to save.**

*silent prayer of confession*

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# THE OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & OURSELVES

## DOXOLOGY

*please rise*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Christ, all people here below;*

*Praise Holy Spirit evermore;*

*Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

## THE INVITATION

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Leader:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**People:** **It is right to give thanks and praise!**

**All:** **Our church exalts you! In your mercy, you have given us life everlasting, you have given us freedom from death, and you have favored us. In your love, you have given us freedom from death, and you have favored us. In your love, you have given us the strength to stand up and continue on our journey. In your wisdom, you have taken a chance on us, by allowing us to be part of your holy plans and your message.**

**Leader:** Help us to use the gifts you have given us with mercy, love, and wisdom, so that we can continue to honor the trust you have put on us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

Please continue to pray for Sally S., Sally C., Stephen, Eric, Dan, Greg, Cornel, Barbara, Theo, Lorraine & Larry P., Edie C., Gino A.

## 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.*

## HYMN

“For Everyone Borne” *Glory to God 769*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of Your glory. Blessed is the one who comes in Your name, O God, Hosanna in the highest!**

**Leader:** On the night you were betrayed and deserted, you wrapped a towel around your waist and showed us how to serve one another and commanded us to love one another.

**All: Blessed is the one who loves in your name.**

**Leader:** You modeled for us a love stronger than death, and a way for us to gather around tables throughout time, in communion with people the world over, and to remember the fullness of love.

**All: We remember how Jesus gathered stranger and friend alike, gave thanks to God and offered them the bread of life and the cup of blessing.**

Leader: Remembering the wonder of Jesus' life, the agony of his death and the resurrection of his Spirit we unit in the friendship born of this table and proclaim the mystery of our faith...

**All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ is with us now!**

Leader: The bread which we break symbolizes our participation in the body of Christ. The cup we share symbolizes our participation in Christ's promise of a life overflowing with grace.

### **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

Leader: Send your Spirit, Loving God, upon this bread and this cup, that in eating and drinking we gain strength and purpose to be more compassionate and show forth your love and justice to all. In Christ's name we pray.

**All: Amen**

Leader: Come for all things are now ready. Come to this joyful feast of the people of God. Come and be nourished with food for the journey. Come, rejoice, and be glad.

### **BREAKING 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.

### **PARTAKING OF THE MEAL**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**We give thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

**“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”** *Glory To God 761*

## **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

**“Praise Be to God”** (Xavier-Palette)

### **Birthdays**

**8/21-8/27/2022**

*Cindy Mosier, Mike Perez (22); Sandy Paine (25)*

### **Anniversaries**

**8/21-8/27/2022**

*Willie & Barbara Montague-Graham (21)*



*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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