

**“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 30, 2020

11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Ave Verum Corpus” (Mozart)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CHIMING OF THE HOUR RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is love, and we are God’s beloved!

People: **This is wondrous truth and wondrous blessing!**

Leader: Therefore, let us together give thanks and praise to God, whose love is the ground of our being, and to Christ Jesus, God’s love incarnated in a human form for our sake.

GATHERING HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord” *Glory to God 69*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient God, we confess that we forget who we are, and fail to live as you expect. We excuse ourselves because we do try to follow the example and teachings of Jesus, to emulate Jesus in going about doing good, and in loving neighbor as oneself. We do try to be people of high moral standards and behavior. And, although to others we may appear without flaw, we confess that our morality is sometimes but skin deep. We confess as well, our arrogant giving of advice to others, which we have been unable to

HYMN

“Love, Love, Love, Love”

Gospel Lesson Matthew 16:21-28

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.

CLOSING HYMN

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand” *Glory to God 331*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“From “Te Deum” (Charpentier)



Glory in His holy name;
let the hearts of those
who seek the Lord
Rejoice.

Psalm 105:3



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 |
| President of the Consistory | Liz Brunton |
| Vice President of the Consistory | Michele Luke |
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Molly Lorenz, Barbara Montague-Graham |
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