

**“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 29, 2021

10:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Clothe Yourself with Majesty” (Cloney)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Dear friends, the Spirit of God gives life to the world!

People: **Life that never ends!**

Leader: Here and now Christ feeds the world!

People: **Plenty for all, enough for today!**

Leader: Come to the table of justice and joy!

People: **No one will be turned away! No neighbor in need will go wanting!**

Leader: Let praise go up to God our Life!

People: **From every creature on God’s good earth!**

GATHERING HYMN

“Come, Thou Almighty King” *Glory to God 2*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess to egoism of our human nature. We confess our demand for answers to life’s confusing, confounding questions, and our pride in assuming we ought to be given to know all things. We still want to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil!

We confess our discomfort with ambiguity, and our desire to have things predictable, settled, and controllable. We probe the secrets of the universe without finite minds, only to find ourselves baffled, awed, and finally humbled by mystery. But, still, we continue to freeze into dogma and doctrine the measure of truth we have been given to know, as if that were all there is. We fear living with unknowns. Forgive the vanity of our human wisdom, our unwillingness to bow in simple trust before your wisdom and enable us anew to live trusting that you are indeed the loving Creator who truly cares for your creation.

silent prayer of confession

KYRIE

Leader: Lord have mercy.
People: Christ have mercy.
Leader: Lord have mercy.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” *Glory to God 377*

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Second Reading James 1:17-27

please rise

Gospel Lesson Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

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

Caring God, we offer this portion of the work of our hands, of the resources given to us, as a sign of our desire to share with those in need and in the ongoing work of Christ in the world. We offer ourselves as laborers in your vineyard, that your reign may come in fullness upon earth. Bless our efforts and these gifts, we pray. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“For the Life That You Have Given” *Glory to God 717*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Keep Not Your Hearts Far from Me” (Simmons-Clarke)

*The Pride and Transgender Flags
are given to the Glory of God, in memory and in honor of
our LGBTQIA+ community that have faced hate and harm,
and in having the courage to be and live as,
who they are meant to be, by Judy Parker.*

August/September Birthdays 8/29-9/4/2021

*George Klehamer (29); Jan Thierfelder (31);
Kent Eisenberger, Sean Thampi (1); Jennifer Satterwhite,
Cheryl Melville (3); Jameson McLaughlin (4)*





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 |
| 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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