

**“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

September 5, 2021

10:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“The Healing Hand” (Goodwin)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR/RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: “By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.” (*Heb 11:8*)

People: “**For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.**” (*Heb 11:10*)

Leader: We, too, set out each day by faith, faith in God who has called us to the journey of discipleship, and give us one to follow, Jesus the Christ.
Let us worship God!

GATHERING HYMN

“Let Us Build A House” *Verses 1-3 Glory to God 301*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Journeying God, we confess we come ill-prepared to the journey of discipleship. Too often we fail to fast from the world’s allurements, to be regular in Sabbath worship, and to avail ourselves of the nourishment of Scripture and the practices of prayer. We tend to misjudge ourselves by believing we are stronger, more loyal than we are.

We confess that when the journey gets tough, we are tempted to give up. And when we face rejection on the way for being a disciple, we are tempted to deny our Lord by keeping silent. Forgive us for being more self-protective than surrendered, for loving the known way more than the open road, for slowing down the progress Jesus desires by dragging our feet, and for dictating our destinations. Forgive us and make us new and faithful journeyers, we pray.

silent prayer of confession

KYRIE

Leader: Lord have mercy.

People: Christ have mercy.

Leader: Lord have mercy.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23

Second Reading James 2:1-10,(11-13),14-17
please rise

Gospel Lesson Mark 7:24-37

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

THE OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & OURSELVES

HYMN

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” *Glory to God 203*

THE INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy the Paschal feast that, fervent in prayer and words of mercy, and renewed by your Word and sacraments; we may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

People: Therefore, we join with the whole of your family in heaven and on earth forever praising you and saying:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

Leader: Most holy and gracious God, in infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we have fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, in fullness of time, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem the world, to live and die as one of us, but without sin, to reconcile us to you and to one another. He stretched out his arms upon the cross and there offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Leader: On the night He was delivered to suffering and death our Lord took bread, gave thanks to God, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup, gave thanks to God, gave it to his disciples and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is the blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Leader: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, most holy God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts which you have given. Sanctify us that we may faithfully receive this sacrament and serve you in unity, fidelity and peace; and at the last bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal realm, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: **Through Christ, with Christ, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**


**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.*


BREAKING THE BREAD & POURING THE WINE

LAMB OF GOD


Alice Jordan



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re-deem-er of the world: give us your peace.

PARTAKING OF THE MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Bountiful God, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of 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. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Let Us Build A House” Verses 4-5 Glory to God 301

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Be Opened!” (Maple/Jamisom)

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God,
in memory of the Frick Family, by Willis Frick.*

September Birthdays

9/5-9/11/2021

*Renee Huber (5); Sandi Fryer (8);
Mary Lambon, Nancy Perez (10)*

September Anniversaries

9/5-9/11/2021

Dave & Jean Akers (6); Ken & Denise Kline (10)



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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