



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



A FUTURE  
WITH HOPE

# ***ASCENSION***



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
+ THEY MAY ALL BE ONE

*An Open and Affirming Congregation*

**September 4, 2022**

**10:00 AM**



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## Order of Worship

### PRELUDE

“Take Up Our Cross” (Rosen)

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*please rise*

Leader: “Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’ So God created humankind in God’s image, in the image of God they were created; male and female God created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’”

People: **As those who bear the likeness and blessing of God, as mortals charged with holy purpose, let us worship the One who summons us to life.**  
(adapted from Gen. 1:26-28)

### GATHERING HYMN

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

*The New Century Hymnal 351*

# CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, like children long indulged, we are quick to presume your pardon, your sanction or the way we live. We turn away from neighbors in need, sharing fragments that remain only after our cravings have been met. Merciful Maker, you created us for better use; remake us now. Where we are distorted, re-center and reshape us, bring us low and raise us up. Then fire our hearts until we shine with your glory and find our place in your purpose.**

*silent prayer of confession*

## KYRIE

*Unison* A D E A

1 Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri -  
2 Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri -  
F# Bm E A (fermata)

e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
ste e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

### RESPONSE

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” *Glory to God 591*

## **THE SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*please be seated*

First Reading            Psalm 139:1-18

**HYMN**    “On Eagles Wings”    *Glory to God 43*

*please rise for the gospel*

Gospel Lesson            Luke 14:27-30

Leader: Holy Wisdom

**People: Holy Word**

## **THE SERMON**

### **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., Pattie C., and Jack

### **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**

## **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.*

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**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**

**“When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace”**

*Glory To God 302*

## **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

**“Hallelujah Is Our Song” (Seitz)**

### **Birthdays**

**9/4-9/10/2022**

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

### **Anniversaries**

**9/4-9/10/2022**

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

NEW WORSHIP  
SCHEDULE BEGINS  
SEPTEMBER 11TH  
AT 11:00 AM!



*Save the Date*

**Please plan on joining us  
for our Annual  
Congregational Meeting on  
Sunday, October 2, 2022.  
More information will be  
forthcoming.**




**Volunteers needed**

## **Ascension Church Fall Flea Market**

- Saturday, October 8, 2022!
- Registration by October 1<sup>st</sup>:  
Space with table \$30.00/Space  
with your own table \$25.00.
- After October 1<sup>st</sup>:  
Space with table \$35.00/Space  
with your own table \$25.00.

Registration forms are available  
through the church office.






**One Book One Norristown  
Kick Off!**

**Sat, 9/24 10am-1pm**

📍 Elmwood Park Zoo - 1661 Harding Blvd. Norristown, PA 19401

*Meet Lorene Cary, Author of The Price of a Child and Free!*

*\*Books, Snacks, Giveaways, And Free Admission For 19401 Residents\**

***“Changing the Way the Church Views Racism”***

**Saturday, October 29, 2:00pm**

Dinner/Reception following

**Dr. Drew G. I. Hart**

professor, author, community leader, organizer, activist, and man of faith

Please join us for an engaging discussion.

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**All are welcome!**  
**We hope to see you there!!**  
Being held in conjunction with  
One Book One Norristown



**Wishing you a safe and happy Labor Day!**  
**Please note the church office will be closed on Monday, September 5<sup>h</sup>!**



*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.***

<b>Ministers</b>	All the people of the Congregation
<b>Pastor</b>	The Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier
<b>Minister of Music</b>	Dan Weckerly
<b>President of the Consistory</b>	Liz Brunton
<b>Vice President of the Consistory</b>	Michele Luke
<b>Secretary of the Consistory</b>	Liam D'Aquila
<b>Moderator of Spiritual Council</b>	Molly Lorenz
<b>Elders:</b>	Liz Brunton, Robin Weed, Mary Lambon Molly Lorenz, Barbara Montague-Graham
<b>Chair of the Diaconate</b>	Michele Luke
<b>Deacons:</b>	Liam D'Aquila, Sandy Dounce, Jan Backes Michele Luke, Lynda Waltman, Christa Cavanaugh
<b>Church Secretary</b>	Judy Parker
<b>Sexton</b>	Emeric Suto
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sandy Maben

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