

“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 13, 2020

11:00 AM

I tell you, not
seven times, but
seventy-seven
times.- Jesus

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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Soul of My Savior” (Dobiel)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CHIMING OF THE HOUR RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of God, bless the Lord,

People: **bless God’s holy name.**

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

People: **so great is God’s steadfast love for us.**

Adapted from Psalm 103

GATHERING HYMN

“Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom” *Glory to God 174*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our siblings. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, closed-minded in our beliefs, and judgmental in our opinions. We have shunned those whose ways we do not understand, and we have despised those who do not endorse our convictions.

Forgive our sins of discord and conceit and heal our divisiveness and quarreling. Help us to be charitable in our regard for others that we may dwell in peace with Christ, who is Lord of all.

silent prayer of confession

“You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy” *Glory to God 437*

Musical score for the hymn "You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy". The score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy! You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy! You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!". Chord symbols are placed above the notes: Em, D, Em, Am, Em, D, Em; Am, D, C, D, Em, C, Em; Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF PRAISE

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

PASSING THE PEACE

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Exodus 14:19-31

HYMN

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” *verse 1*
Glory to God 435

Second Reading Romans 14:1-12

HYMN

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” *verse 2*
Glory to God 435

Gospel Lesson Matthew 18:21-35

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts and use our lives for the ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” *Glory to God 65*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Voluntary” (Young)

*The Flowers are given to the glory of God,
in memory of my parents and other members of the
Frick Family, by Willis G. & Jan Frick*





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 |
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