

**“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 12, 2021

11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Who Do You Say That I Am?” (Hager)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CHIMING OF THE HOUR RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; (*Ps 116:5,9*)

People: our God is full of compassion.

Leader: Let us walk in the presence of the Lord in the
land of the living, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior.

People: Let us worship God!

GATHERING HYMN

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”
The New Century Hymnal 556

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, in the face of sin, our gravest enemy, we call to
you for help. You know our fault before we speak. Forgive
us for what we have done in opposition to your will.**

**Forgive us for those things we have not undertaken and
for which we know are wrong. We have not loved you and
our neighbors as we ought. We have denied our
dependence on you. Lead us away from this grief and
sorrow. Save us so that we may fulfill our vows to you and
attend to the needs of your people.**

silent prayer of confession

KYRIE

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

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN

“Sacred The Body” *Glory to God 27*

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a
Second Reading James 3:1-12

please rise

Gospel Lesson Mark 8:27-38

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

Lord, who gives us everything we have, we return with joy a portion of our bounty, giving to the work of your church and your world what is already yours: ourselves, our lives, and our means. Make good come from these gifts. Teach us to use what we have with wisdom and compassion. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

Glory to God 300

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Messiah” (Unger)

September Birthdays 9/12-9/18/2021

*Barbara Cressman (12); Allison Dearing (14);
Bruce Wetherill (16); William Rosen III (18)*

Upcoming Event

**The Ascension Church Annual Meeting will be held on
Sunday, 9/26, after worship.**

Questions for Reflection

When we hear Jesus say we are to “deny” ourselves, this can seem strangely harsh language, and it is well that each of us knows what it means in our own lives. You are made in God’s image. As an image of the divine, God does not command you to be nothing. You are not to be denigrated. What aspects of your life, your desires, your tendencies, do you recognize as impeding your ability to set your mind on what you truly want and need? What is your cross? Perhaps you see more than one cross you must bear. If you “take up” your cross (or crosses), how might you live differently than you do now?

Household Prayer: Morning

Thank you, God, for this good night and day, for time to sleep and wake, for dark and light, for silence and noise, for stillness and movement, for my body, mind, and heart. Give me the strength today to bear my cross with patience so that whoever I meet will find a moment of calm in my presence because of you. I pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you, God, for this good day and now for night, for all that has transpired in the last hours, for the food I have been given, for the work I have had to do, for the exercise, for breathing, for what my ears have heard, for friends, for coworkers, and for what I have seen growing in the soil and shining in the sunlight. Guard me now as I sleep and give me good rest for the sake of the tasks you have set before me tomorrow. I pray for your peace, in Jesus’ name. Amen.



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.

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
Elders:	Liz Brunton, Robin Weed, Mary Lambon Molly Lorenz, Barbara Montague-Graham
Chair of the Diaconate	Michele Luke
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