

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



A FUTURE
WITH HOPE

ASCENSION



An Open and Affirming Congregation

September 11, 2022

11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“God of Might and Mercy” (Phillips)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

please rise

Leader: Let us bow before our Creator, The Lord looks down from heaven to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

People: **The have all gone astray, there is no one who is good, no, not one.**

Leader: Have they no knowledge, those who devour God’s people and do not call upon the Lord?

People: **O that our deliverer would come! Lord, restore our lives and make us glad.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *Glory to God 12*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator of the universe, we imagine that we are in familiar territory, that we know what to expect of this hour, that we will leave much the way that we came. Do not abandon us to our foolishness. In judgement, illumine our darkness. In mercy, bear us home – until we recognize your presence wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored.

silent prayer of confession

KYRIE

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2 Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri -

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DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE

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

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

please be seated

First Reading Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

HYMN “This Is a Balm in Gilead” *Glory to God 792*

Second Reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17

please rise for the gospel

Gospel Lesson Luke 15:1-10

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

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.

THE INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

People: It is right to give thanks and praise!

All: Our church exalts you! In your mercy, you have given us life everlasting, you have given us freedom from death, and you have favored us. In your love, you have given us freedom from death, and you have favored us. In our love, you have given us the strength to stand up and continue on our journey. In your wisdom, you have taken a chance on us, by allowing us to be part of your holy plans and your message.

Leader: Help us to use the gifts you have given us with mercy, love, and wisdom, so that we can continue to honor the trust you have put on us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

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.*

HYMN "Eat This Bread" *Glory to God 527*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- All:** Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of Your glory. Blessed is the one who comes in Your name, O God, Hosanna in the highest!
- Leader:** On the night you were betrayed and deserted, you wrapped a towel around your waist and showed us how to serve one another, and commanded us to love one another.
- All:** Blessed is the one who loves in your name.

Leader: You modeled for us a love stronger than death, and a way for us to gather around tables throughout time, in communion with people the world over, and to remember the fullness of love.

All: We remember how Jesus gathered stranger and friend alike, gave thanks to God and offered them the bread of life and the cup of blessing.

Leader: Remembering the wonder of Jesus' life, the agony of his death and the resurrection of his Spirit we unite in the friendship born of this table and proclaim the mystery of our faith...

All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ is with us now!

Leader: The bread which we break symbolizes our participation in the body of Christ. The cup we share symbolizes our participation in Christ's promise of a life overflowing with grace.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Leader: Send your Spirit, Loving God, upon this bread and this cup, that in eating and drinking we gain strength and purpose to be more compassionate and show forth your love and justice to all. In Christ's name we pray.

All: Amen.

Leader: Come for all things are now ready. Come to this joyful feast of the people of God. Come and be nourished with food for the journey. Come, rejoice, and be glad.

BREAKING THE BREAD & POURING THE WINE

Leader: Through the Broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing we share in the new life Christ Gives.

PARTAKING OF THE MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” *Glory To God 187*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Sent Forth for His Work” (Butler)

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God,
in memory of his parents and
other members of the Frick Family, by Willis G. 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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