

“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*

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11:00 AM



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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of abundant goodness, we confess that we want your grace for ourselves, but often wish punishment or exclusion on others. We judge the efforts and motives of others while ignoring the faults of our own. Forgive us, we pray, when we let jealousy overtake us. Forgive us, we pray, when we are petty even in the presence of your generosity. Forgive us, we pray, when we feel slighted by you. May we ask once again for your mercy? Will you help us to be more merciful toward one another? We pray in the name of Christ Jesus, by whose grace we are saved.

*silent prayer of confession*

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

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. 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 for the first line; Am, D, C, D, Em, C, Em for the second line; Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E for the third line.

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

**Leader:** God extends to us mercy beyond our deserving, grace beyond our ability to earn it.

**People:** **God has granted us the privilege of believing in Christ; therefore we will live as grateful and forgiven people! Thanks be to God!**

*adapted from Jonah 3:10-4:11, Psalm 145, Matthew 20*

## **SONG OF PRAISE**

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

*Glory to God 591*

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

### **THE SCRIPTURE READINGS**

First Reading      Exodus 16:2-15

### **HYMN**

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” *Verses 1-3*  
*Glory to God 649*

Second Reading    Philippians 1:21-30

### **HYMN**

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” *Verses 4-5*  
*Glory to God 649*

Gospel Lesson      Matthew 20:1-16

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](http://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**

God of the harvest, we are privileged to be counted among those whom you have called, graced to have been given your work to do, blessed to receive more than we will ever earn. Accept, we pray, our thanksgiving and offerings, and do what you choose with what already belongs to you.

## **CLOSING HYMN**

“Come, Labor On”

*Glory to God 719*

## **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

“Allegretto Grazioso”

(J.C. Bach)





*Glory in His holy name;*  
let the hearts of those  
who seek the Lord  
*Rejoice.*

Psalm 105:3



*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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