

**“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 19, 2021

11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Like Little Children” (Weimer)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CHIMING OF THE HOUR RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy are the people,

People: **who do not follow the advice of the wicked or
take the path that they follow, or sit in the seat
of the people who make fun of others.**

Leader: Their delight is in the law of the Lord,

People: **and they meditate on God’s law day and night.**

Leader: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

People: **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

GATHERING HYMN

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wisdom, forgive our foolishness. We desire what we do not need and corrupt our relationships with envy. You urge us to gentleness, but we stir up conflict. Give us your grace, that we may harvest righteousness and peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Teacher, we pray.

silent prayer of confession

KYRIE

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

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN

“Jesus Loves Me” *Glory to God 188*

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Proverbs 31:10-31
Second Reading James 3:13-4:3,7-8a
please rise
Gospel Lesson Mark 9:30-37
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

Our great Gardener, we are like trees planted by streams of water that yield their fruit in season and prosper in you. We are grateful for all that you have provided, and we dedicate our first fruits to you and to the work of your church, now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“The Church of Christ In Every Age” *Glory to God* 320

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“He Shall Rise” (Davidson)

September Birthdays

9/19-9/25/2021

*Mabel Snyder (19); Phyllis Burns, Mikayla Clayboss (20);
Eva Joy Youmans (22); Rick Weed (25)*

September Anniversaries

9/19-9/25/2021

Pam & Rich Lotsch (21)

Upcoming Event

The Ascension Church Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, 9/26, after worship. We will be meeting in the Sanctuary.

Questions for Reflection

What can you do to discern between good advice and advice that will lead you on the wrong path?

Household Prayer: Morning

As we rise, we have so much to do! We work without realizing that all we do can be a song of love to you and to the ones with whom you have surrounded us. Lead me, O God, so that everything that I do in my life can be done in praise to you. 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.

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| 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 |
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