

**“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 26, 2021**

**11:00 AM**



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## Order of Worship

### PRELUDE

“Bist Du Bei Mir”      (Bach)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CHIMING OF THE HOUR RECEIVING THE LIGHT

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:      What does God require of us?

**People:      To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God. (Micah 6:9)**

Leader:      How shall we be enabled to fulfill the requirements of God?

**People:      We shall come before God in our need, open to the in-filling of God's Spirit, that we may be strong in purpose, courageous in heart, and faithful in action.**

Leader:      Let us worship God who calls for radical commitment, and who, through the Holy Spirit, gives powerful, inner equipping for our witness in Jesus' name.

### GATHERING HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”      *Glory to God 321*  
*Verses 1 & 2*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Faithful God, we come before you confessing our faithlessness. We have sinned not only by the things we have said and done, but by what we have left unsaid, undone. We have been weak in the face of temptation, have fallen from your way, have failed to make choices for our own highest good or that of another. Forgive us, and give us new faithfulness and courage.**

*silent prayer of confession*

## KYRIE

Leader: Lord have mercy.

**People: Christ have mercy.**

Leader: Lord have mercy.

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

### HYMN

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” *Glory to God 465*

## THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Esther 7:1-6,9-10; 9:20-22

Second Reading James 5:13-20

*please rise*

Gospel Lesson Mark 9:38-50

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**

**Saving God, you reach out your hand to lift the suffering from pits of despair. You give them courage and strength to choose to cling to you and be raised, for great is your love and care for all whom you have made. We bring this offering in the name of Christ the Savior, and pledge our participation in the kingdom work of sharing hope. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*“The Church’s One Foundation” Glory to God 321  
Verses 3 & 4*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Enter the Kingdom” (Watterson/Morney)*

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God, in memory of my grandmother, Caroline Klehamer, and my parents, George and Alma Klehamer, by George Klehamer.*

**September/October Birthdays**

**9/26-10/2/2021**

*Ethan Brunton (26);*

*Joe Sullivan, Shirley Berry, Patty Youmans (2)*

***PLEASE STAY IN THE SANCTUARY AFTER WORSHIP  
TODAY FOR ASCENSION'S ANNUAL MEETING.***



*Our help is in the  
name of the Lord,  
the Maker of heaven  
and earth.*





*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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| <b>Ministers</b>                        | All the people of the Congregation  |
| <b>Pastor</b>                           | The Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier   |
| <b>Minister of Music</b>                | Dan Weckerly  |
| <b>President of the Consistory</b>      | Liz Brunton   |
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| <b>Secretary of the Consistory</b>      | Molly Lorenz  |
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