

**“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

October 4, 2020

11:00 AM



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18th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 22 October 4, 2020

World Communion Sunday

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“In Quiet Solitude” (Kissinger)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

People: **I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.**

Leader: As the Scriptures promise, the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

People: **This is the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes.**

Leader: Let us worship our God.

adapted from Phil 3:7-8; Matt 21:42

GATHERING HYMN

“Now the Green Blade Rises” *Glory to God 247*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill. You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines, and kept watch over us by night and day. But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired. We are overgrown with sin, choked with violence and injustice. Forgive us, we pray. Uproot our evil, prune away our sin, and show upon us the gift of your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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 ste e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF PRAISE

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

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PASSING THE PEACE

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7

HYMN

“Be Thow My Vision” *Verses 1&2 Glory to God 450*

Second Reading Philippians 3:4b-14

HYMN

“Be Thow My Vision” *Verses 3&4 Glory to God 450*

Gospel Lesson Matthew 21:33-46

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

MISSION MOMENT

“Neighbors In Need”

Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of Neighbors In Need funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry. Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

Please mail, drop off, or access PayPal for your Neighbors In Need offering. Thank you for your generosity!

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 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.

THE INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Holy God, we praise you.

Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel, and for the life we know in Jesus Christ your Son. Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us. Leading his followers, he guides us. Dying on the cross, he rescues us. Risen from the dead, he gives new life.

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim his death and resurrection. Receive our sacrifice of praise.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission” *Verses 1-3*
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PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Leader: Send to us your Holy Spirit that this meal may be holy and your people may become one. Unite us in faith, inspire us to love, encourage us with hope, that we may receive Christ as he comes to us in this holy banquet. We praise you, almighty Father, through Christ your Son, in the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

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.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

All: **We remember Jesus death,
we proclaim His resurrection,
we await His coming in glory.**

BREAKING OF 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.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Amen.

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready, come and taste and see how good the Lord is.

PARTAKING OF THE MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank you, Holy God, for giving us this meal, shared in the Spirit, which sustains us with the food and drink of your life. Grace our lives that we may at the last come to share in the heavenly banquet of your realm, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission” *Verses 4-5*
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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Prelude in Gm” (Bach)



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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