

**“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 3, 2021**

**11:00 AM**



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**Proper 22/19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**    October 3, 2021  
*World Communion Sunday*

**Order of Worship**

**PRELUDE**

“You Have Made All Things” (Dixon-Gray)

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**CHIMING OF THE HOUR/RECEIVING THE LIGHT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Dear friends, the Spirit of God gives life to the world!

**People:** **Life that never ends!**

**Leader:** Here and now Christ feeds the world!

**People:** **Plenty for all, enough for today!**

**Leader:** Come to the table of justice and joy!

**People:** **No one will be turned away! No neighbor in need will go wanting!**

**Leader:** Let praise go up to God our Life!

**People:** **From every creature on God’s good earth!**

**GATHERING HYMN**

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”    *Glory to God 196*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, we confess the egoism of our human nature. We confess our demand for answers to life's confusing, confounding questions, and our pride in assuming we ought to be given to know all things. We still want to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil! We confess our discomfort with ambiguity, and our desire to have things predictable, settled, and controllable.**

**We probe the secrets of the universe with our finite minds, only to find ourselves baffled, awed, and finally humbled by mystery. But, still, we continue to freeze into dogma and doctrine the measure of truth we have been given to know, as if that were all there is. We fear living with unknowns. Forgive the vanity of our human wisdom, our unwillingness to bow in simple trust before your wisdom and enable us anew to live trusting that you are indeed the loving Creator who truly cares for your creation.**

*silent prayer of confession*

### **KYRIE**

Leader: Lord have mercy.

**People: Christ have mercy.**

Leader: Lord have mercy.

### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

#### **THE SCRIPTURE READINGS**

First Reading Job 1:1, 2:1-10

Psalm 26

Second Reading Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

*please rise*

Gospel Lesson Mark 10:13-16

Leader: Holy Wisdom

**People: Holy Word**

### **THE SERMON**

### **THE OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & OURSELVES**

## HYMN

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” *Glory to God 721*

### 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: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy the Paschal feast that, fervent in prayer and words of mercy, and renewed by your Word and sacraments; we may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

**People: Therefore, we join with the whole of your family in heaven and on earth forever praising you and saying:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Most holy and gracious God, in infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we have fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, in fullness of time, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem the world, to live and die as one of us, but without sin, to reconcile us to you and to one another. He stretched out his arms upon the cross and there offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Leader: On the night He was delivered to suffering and death our Lord took bread, gave thanks to God, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup, gave thanks to God, gave it to his disciples and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is the blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

### **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

Leader: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, most holy God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts which you have given. Sanctify us that we may faithfully receive this sacrament and serve you in unity, fidelity and peace; and at the last bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal realm, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All: Through Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. 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.*

## BREAKING THE BREAD & POURING THE WINE

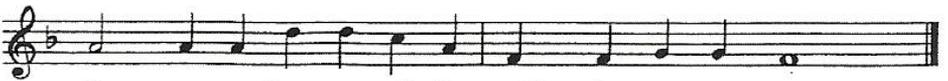
### LAMB OF GOD



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re-deem-er of the world: give us your peace.

## PARTAKING OF THE MEAL

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Bountiful God, we give thanks that you have refreshed us  
at your table by granting us the presence of 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. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

“Called As Partners in Christ’s Service” *Glory to God 761*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

**POSTLUDE**

“Lord of All” (Kissinger)

*The Bulletins are given to the Glory of our Lord and Savior,  
Jesus Christ, in loving memory of Mary J. Fletcher,  
by Bob and Nancy Fryer*

**October Birthdays**

**10/3-10/9/2021**

*Chris Logan, Rich Lotsch (3); Rev. Judith Meier (4);  
Kitty Trow (5)*



*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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