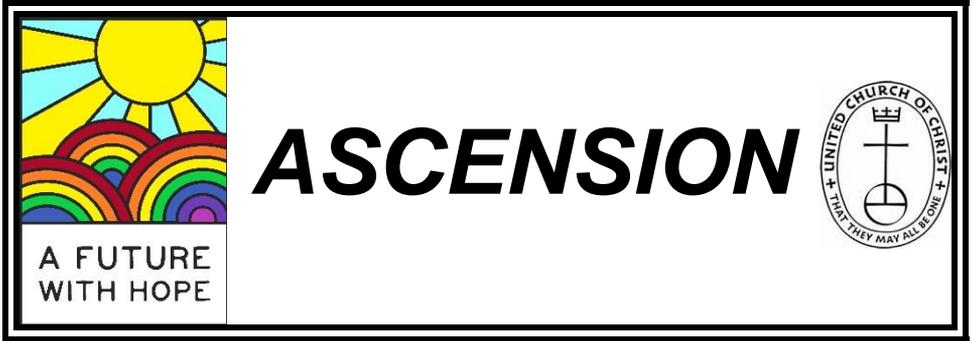


“Whoever you are...wherever you are on life’s journey,  
*you are welcome here.*”  
**God is Still Speaking**



*An Open and Affirming Congregation*

**October 2, 2022**

**11:00 AM**



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## Order of Worship

### PRELUDE

“Gathered In” (Rendler)

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*please rise*

- Leader: Come,  
**People:** Let us be God’s community.  
Leader: Come with love.  
**People:** The steadfast love of God never ceases.  
Leader: Come with curiosity.  
**People:** We are one body, one planet, one Church.  
Leader: Come with hope.  
**People:** As we gather with the bread and the cup,  
justice is served.  
Leader: Let us worship our God!

### GATHERING HYMN

“Renew Your Church” Vs. 1& 2  
*The New Century Hymnal 311*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

## THANKSGIVING

Leader: Today we celebrate World Communion Sunday, honoring the One who binds us together as one Christian community around the planet and calls us to live out our faith as One Body. Let us call out and lift up the deeds and acts of the Church we are thankful for.

*Congregation calls out thanksgivings from their lives and the life of the Church.*

## RESPONSE

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” *Glory to God 591*

## THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

*please be seated*

First Reading Psalm 37:1-9

**HYMN** “Renew Your Church” **Vs. 3 & 4** *TNCH 311*

*please rise for the gospel*

Gospel Lesson Luke 17:5-6

Leader: Holy Wisdom

**People: Holy Word**

## THE SERMON

## MISSION MOMENT

*“Neighbors In Need”*

## THE OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & OURSELVES

## DOXOLOGY

*please rise*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Christ, all people here below;*

*Praise Holy Spirit evermore;*

*Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

## THE INVITATION

**Leader:** Friends, what we are about to do is to celebrate the Joyful Feast of the people of God.

**People:** **When we are able, with the Holy One, to experience the vision of love for God's Global Village, here on earth – then all of creation will come as equal companions to sit at this table.**

**Leader:** In the meantime, you and I are invited to eat and drink, to be nourished and renewed for the ongoing work of justice, embracing mercy and walking humbly with God.

**People:** **This is an open table, all are welcome, no exceptions.**

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Leader:** Holy One, one of many names and faces, we thank you for how the light came out of darkness, for the division of the waters and dry land, for creating the whole planet up and through the cosmos and calling it sacred.

**People:** **We thank you for creating us in your image, to live connected with love, for the gift of life, speech, and movement, and freedom to live in Your Way.**

**Leader:** Moses revealed your vision in commandments. Your prophets unleashed cries for justice when your planet's beauty was violated.

**People:** **Through long generations we have ebbed and flowed with suffering and sorrow, healing and renewal. In the most beautiful and oppressive of times, You still called us beloved.**

Leader: You are full of wonder and awe, O God. Your ways are just and prophetic. With all of creation in all times and places, with our brothers and sisters around your planet we sing to you in one voice:

**“Holy, Holy, Holy”** *Glory to God 565*

Leader: Holy God, Creator of milk and honey, of wheat and grapes, this table has over time been a symbol of restoration and community, a call to remembrance. Draw us into thanksgiving for the gift of receiving your holy welcome and the powerful memory of the justice work of the radical rabbi from Nazareth, Jesus.

**People: We share bread and wine from your global planet, symbolizing the suffering and beauty, and the need for freedom on every mountain, in every river, on land, and sea, in village, farmland, town and city.**

Leader: As we consume the bread and cup of community, root us firmly in your vision of justice, intended for Your One Body. Let its flavor move us to a commitment to share such welcome and hospitality with all who live and breathe on your planet.

**People: As we drink the cup and consume the bread, may your Spirit be with us, enlivening us with courage and hope to join together in the sacred work of restoring your planet.**

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Please continue to pray for Sally S., Sally C., Stephen, Eric, Dan, Greg, Cornel, Barbara, Theo, Lorraine & Larry P., Edie C., Gino A., Pattie C., Jack, Matt, Samantha G.

## 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.*

“Lord When I Came Into This Life” *Glory to God 691*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: On the night before Jesus was betrayed, he sat at table with his closest companions. He took a loaf and blessed it in a way those at the table had never heard before. After the blessing, he broke the bread and said, “Take. Eat. All of you. This is the bread of the Body, exiled, silenced, broken, beaten and executed. This is my body broken for you. When you eat of this, do it in remembrance of me.”

In the same way after supper, while Jesus was still at table, he took a cup, and he blessed it. After the blessing he said, “Take this and divide it among all of you. This is the blood of community. Bloodshed in war and in homes. Blood that carries the memories of beauty and justice. Blood that flows with new beginnings for God’s One, Holy Body. When you drink of this cup, do it in remembrance of me.”

*silence*

Leader: Come observing silence.  
Come remembering those places where justice is  
sparse;  
Come remembering those who have no hope;  
Come remembering all those who risk their lives  
for the sake of God's justice.  
These are holy things for holy people.  
Let us come!

## **PARTAKING OF THE MEAL**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**As one body, we lament with those who lament. We hope  
with those who hope. We live with suffering. We live with  
beauty. Let us go from this table as a renewed community,  
doing the radical work of Jesus that calls us to live justice-  
making lives of faith. We are followers of God's Way.  
We give thanks. Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

**"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" *Glory to God* 265**

## **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

### **POSTLUDE**

**"You Are My God" (McQueeney)**

### **Birthdays**

**10/2-10/8/2022**

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