

**“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
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An Open and Affirming Congregation

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11:00 AM



Rembrandt Harmensz van Rijn, *The Parable of the Unworthy Wedding Guest*

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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“The Lord Calls To Me”

(Jamison)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CHIMING OF THE HOUR RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: You have been called to the banquet.

People: **This is the feast.**

Leader: You have been summoned to the wedding.

People: **This is the feast of life and light.**

Leader: From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

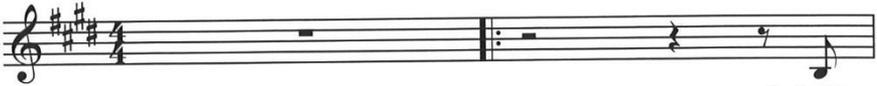
People: **We have come to the banquet that has no end.
Alleluia! Amen!**

GATHERING HYMN

“Welcome”

Roll Down, Justice!

Welcome



1. Let's
2. Let's
3. Let's



walk to- geth - er for a__ while_ and
talk to- geth - er of a__ time__ when
dream to- geth - er of the_ day__ when



ask where we be - gin__ to
we will share a__ feast,__ where
earth and heav'n are_ one,__ a



build a world where love can_ grow__ and
pride and pow - er kneel to__ serve__ the
cit - y built of love and_ light,__ the



hope can en - ter__ in.____ To
lone - ly and the_ least,____ and
new Je - ru - sa - lem,____ where our

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be the hands of heal - ing_ and to
 joy will set the ta - ble_ as we
 mourn - ing turns to danc - ing,_ ev - 'ry



plant the seeds of_ peace,___ sing - ing
 join our hands to_ pray,___
 crea - ture lifts its_ voice,___



wel - come, wel - come to_ this place, you're in -



vit - ed___ to come and know_ God's grace._ All are



wel - come,___ the love of God_ to_ share___



___ 'cause all of us_ are wel - come_ here,___



after final refrain

___ all are wel - come in this_ place._

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Isaiah 25:1-9

HYMN

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” *Verses 1&2*
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Second Reading Philippians 4:1-9

HYMN

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” *Verses 3&4*
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Gospel Lesson Matthew 22:1-14

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

INSTALLATION OF CONSISTORY

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

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of compassion and generous love, we give you thanks for the riches of Earth, which sustain our lives and which you have created for our joy. We thank you for Jesus, whose life, death, resurrection, and ascension renews our strength and revives our hope. We give you thanks for the Holy Spirit, who comes among us, invites us to dine with each other and with you, and keeps us in faith. Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need and the work of your church. In peace, we pray our thanksgiving. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

Glory to God 804

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Prelude in F”

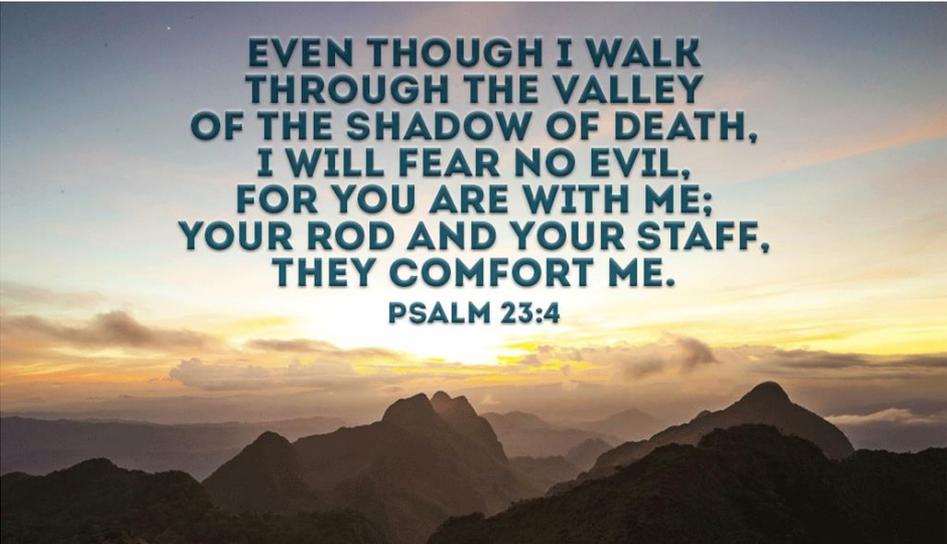
(Bach)

Household Prayer: Morning

On this new day, O God, I thank you for clean air that fills my lungs, for water to drink and stream over the rocks, for light that creates life and shines on my path, for soil that grows fruits and vegetables, fashions hills and valleys, and makes homes for creatures in burrows and trees. Let me see Earth today with gratitude and feast my senses on its beauty; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

As this day is ending and I lie down to sleep, gracious God, I thank you for this day. I am mindful of the work I have done, the tasks I have not yet accomplished, the moments of blessing between me and those with whom I shared some hours, the joys of friendship and family, and all the hopes I have for tomorrow. Give me good sleep and keep me safe; in Jesus' name. Amen



**EVEN THOUGH I WALK
THROUGH THE VALLEY
OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH,
I WILL FEAR NO EVIL,
FOR YOU ARE WITH ME;
YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF,
THEY COMFORT ME.**

PSALM 23:4



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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