

**“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 18, 2020

11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“His Holy Place”

(McMillian)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CHIMING OF THE HOUR RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to the Lord and bless God’s name.

People: Tell of God’s saving power from day to day.

Leader: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

People: Tremble before God, all the earth.

adapted from Psalm 96:2,9

GATHERING HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Glory to God 1

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test. Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face; through Christ Jesus our Lord.

adapted from Matthew 22:15-22

silent prayer of confession

“You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy” *Glory to God 437*

Em D Em Am Em D Em
You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

Am D C D Em C Em
You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!

Em D G Am Em D E
You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy". It consists of three staves of music in G major and 6/8 time. The first staff has the lyrics "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!" with chords Em, D, Em, Am, Em, D, Em above it. The second staff has the lyrics "You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!" with chords Am, D, C, D, Em, C, Em above it. The third staff has the lyrics "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!" with chords Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E above it. The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF PRAISE

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

PASSING THE PEACE

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Exodus 33:12-23

HYMN

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” **Verses 1&2**

Glory to God 438

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” **Verses 3&4**

Glory to God 438

Gospel Lesson Matthew 22:15-22

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

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

All honor and majesty, strength and beauty are yours, Almighty God, maker of heaven and earth. Let these simple offerings we bring be a sign of the great glory that is due to your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

adapted from Psalm 96:6-8

CLOSING HYMN

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” *Glory to God 343*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Faithfully We Go Forth” (Seiberlich)

Household Prayer: Morning

Lord God, giver of light and darkness, from the rising of the sun to its setting you have called me by name; there is no God besides you. Go before me and guide me this day; bless and keep me forever. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord God, giver of darkness and light, from the setting of the sun to its rising you have called me by name; there is no God besides you. Stay with me and guard me this night; bless and keep me forever. Amen.



*Exalt the LORD our God,
and worship at His holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!*

Psalm 99:9



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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