

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



A FUTURE
WITH HOPE

ASCENSION



An Open and Affirming Congregation

October 16, 2022

11:00 AM



Marc Chagall, *Moses Receiving the Tablets of the Law*

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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Blessed Jesus at Your Word” (Graham)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CHIMING OF THE HOUR RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

please rise

Leader: God gifts us with the Bible, that we might find the freedom of salvation in Christ.

People: **“For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.”** (Rom 15:4)

Leader: Let us worship God, who has provided this blessing. Let us sing our praise together; let us pray, be attentive, and listen for God’s living word to us, this day.

GATHERING HYMN

“Bring Many Names” *Glory to God 760*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Self-revealing God, forgive us for considering Scripture an option rather than a gift through which we are called to know, love, and serve you, and to participate in your plan for our lives and for your church. Forgive us for being so busy, even with our good works that we neglect the spiritual nourishment and instruction you offer us through the scriptures. We confess that we can be like the Jews to whom Jesus spoke when he said, “You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life.” (John 5:39-40)

We, too, may turn to the scriptures to analyze, to prove a position, or even to seek assurance or comfort, yet turn from direct encounter with Jesus, the risen Christ. We may be more concerned with “right interpretation” than “right relationship” through daily surrender to you and to Christ’s mission. Forgive us our sin, we pray.

silent prayer of confession

KYRIE

Unison A D E A

1 Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son, ky-ri-e e-le-i-son, ky-ri-
2 Chri-ste e-le-i-son, Chri-ste e-le-i-son. Chri-

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

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE

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

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

please be seated

First Reading Genesis 32:22-31

“I Need Thee Every Hour” *Vs. 1&2 Glory to God 735*

Second Reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

“I Need Thee Every Hour” *Vs. 3&4 Glory to God 735*

please rise for the gospel

Gospel Lesson Luke 18:1-8

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

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., 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.*

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Caring God, in sending Jesus to earth as instructor, you made known the way of love and peace, and in sending Christ as Savior, you opened to us the way of salvation. With joy and thanksgiving for your great gifts to us, we dedicate this offering and ourselves to Christ's mission. Bless and use our gifts for this purpose. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Seek Ye First” *Glory To God 175*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“The Lord Fills the Earth with His Love” (Wilcox-Barry)

Birthdays

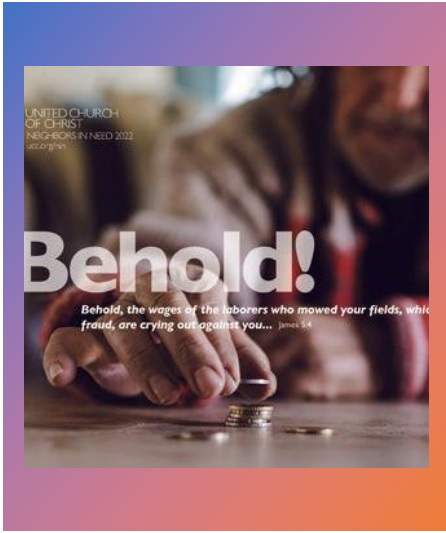
10/16-10/22/2022

*Richard Fryer (18); Ginny Kleinert, Sue Wendt (19);
Roi Westgate (21)*

Anniversaries

10/16-10/22/2022

Rick & Robin Weed (22)



NEIGHBORS IN NEED SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING

In 2022, the Neighbors in Need "BEHOLD!" offering focuses on economic justice.

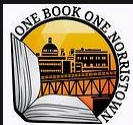
With inflation impacting all of our households, we wanted to provide a way to discuss this topic through a faith lens.

Neighbors in Need offering is being collected through October 23rd.

Thank you for your generosity.



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Ascension UCC in collaboration
with One Book One Norristown
presents

“Changing the Way the Church Views Racism”

Saturday, October 29, 2:00pm

Dinner/Reception following

Dr. Drew G. I. Hart

professor, author, community leader, organizer,
activist, and man of faith

Please join us for an engaging discussion.

Register at <https://changingtheway.eventbrite.com>

All are welcome!

We hope to see you there!!



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, November 6th!

Memorial Candles are available for dedication to honor loved ones on All Saints Sunday. Please see the order forms in the

Narthax, or you can call the office at

610-539-1693 to order Memorial Candles.

The candles are \$5.00 each and need to be ordered

no later than, Tuesday, November 1st.

Please call the office with any questions.



We welcome you to our Community of Faith. We pray that God will speak to your 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.

Ministers	All the people of the Congregation
Pastor	The Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier
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Vice President of the Consistory	Michele Luke
Secretary of the Consistory	Liam D'Aquila
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