

**“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

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11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“I Lift My Soul to the Lord”

(Van Byrne)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving
and honor and power and might be to our God
forever and ever!

People: Amen!

Leader: Let us worship our God.

adapted from Revelation 7:12

GATHERING HYMN

“For All The Saints” *Verses 1-3* *Glory to God 326*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you call us your own children and cover us with your love. We would seek to be merciful as you are, and to show compassion as you do, but we fail to live the life to which we have been called. Where we ought to forgive, we condemn; the evil we should shun, we embrace. Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills, and make us more like Christ, until we are raised in perfection on the last day.

adapted from 1 John 3:1

silent prayer of confession

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

Musical score for the hymn "You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy" (Glory to God 437). The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are: "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy! You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy! You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!". Chord symbols are placed above the notes: Em, D, Em, Am, Em, D, Em for the first line; Am, D, C, D, Em, C, Em for the second line; Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E for the third line.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: We have heard the saving word, “If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

People: **This is the truth upon which we depend, as did all the saints before us. It is life to us here and hereafter!**

Leader: I announce in the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

adapted from 1 John 1:9

SONG OF PRAISE

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

PASSING THE PEACE

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading I Thessalonians 2:9-13

HYMN

“Blest Are They” *Glory to God 172*

Gospel Lesson Matthew 23:1-12

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God, who is,
and was, and is to come.

People: Amen.

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.

People: Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, you have knit together your
elect in one communion and fellowship in the
mystical body of Christ our Lord. Give us grace
so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous
and godly living that we may come to those
ineffable joys which you have prepared for those
who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and
reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People: Amen.

A Reading from Revelation 7:9-17

NAMING THE HONORED DEAD

Helen Lewis – May 21, 2020

Anthony Schaller – May 29, 2020

Jean Billitto – June 3, 2020

Kermit Royer – July 15, 2020

Lauralee Dunlap – August 6, 2020

Margareta Alb – August 15, 2020

Lawrence Cowell – August 16, 2020

George Monaghan – October 12, 2020

All those that have died from Covid-19,
including Dorothy Nealman – July 2, 2020, by Barbara
Montague Graham

All the black lives taken by police negligence

HYMN

“For All The Saints” *Verses 4-5* *Glory to God 326*

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

We magnify your name, O God, and together exalt your name, for you are so good to us and gracious beyond measure. In this life you lead us, comfort us, guide us, and redeem us in countless ways. In death you usher us to even greater blessing, bringing us through the great ordeal, embracing us in your endless light, and welcoming us to your table of goodness and plenty. These gifts we bring are but a token of our thanks, seeds to be planted for the growing of your kingdom, in which we have sure and certain hope. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

adapted from Revelation 7:14

CLOSING HYMN

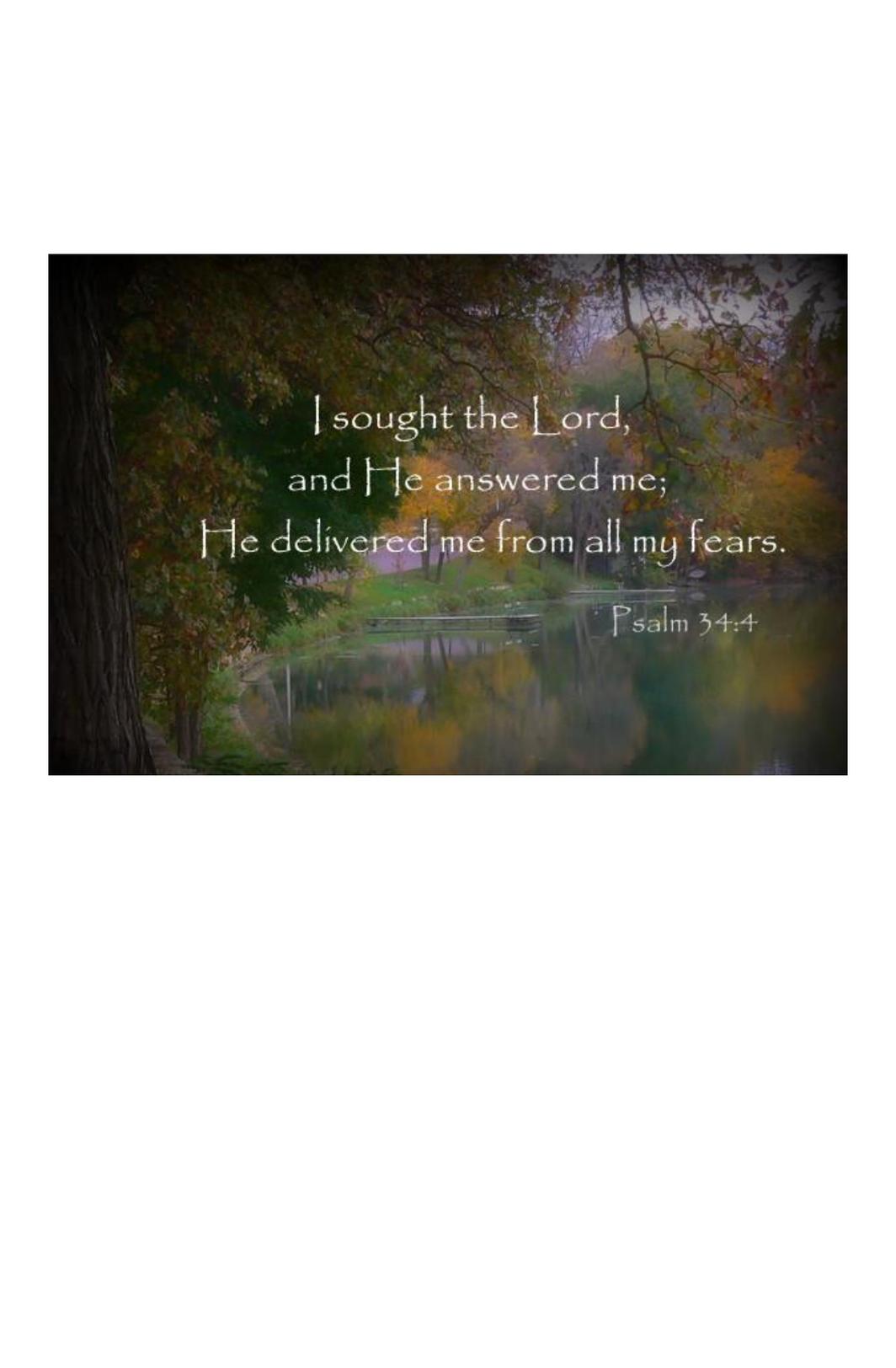
“Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart” *Glory to God 804*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Praise the Saints in Heavenly Glory” (Jackson)

A serene autumn landscape featuring a calm pond reflecting the surrounding trees. The trees have vibrant yellow and orange foliage, and their reflections are clearly visible in the still water. The scene is peaceful and evokes a sense of tranquility.

I sought the Lord,
and He answered me;
He delivered me from all my fears.

Psalm 34:4



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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