

“Whoever you are...wherever you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here.”
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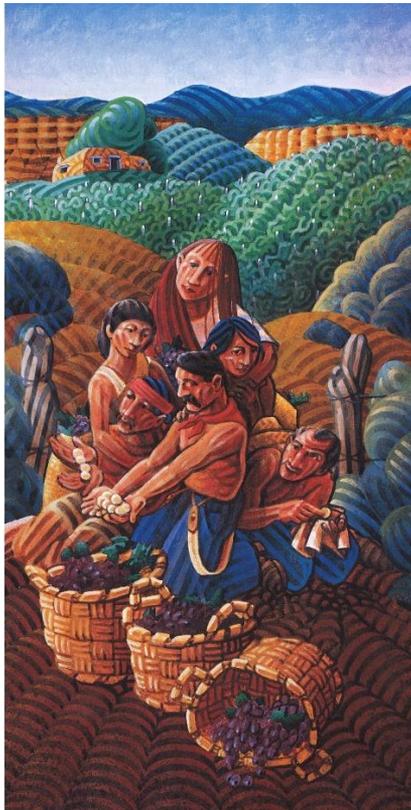
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OF CHRIST



An Open and Affirming Congregation

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11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Room In My Heart” (MacNicholls)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CHIMING OF THE HOUR RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of God clothe yourselves with faith and love; be confident in your salvation in Christ Jesus.

People: The Lord is with us!

Leader: Let us worship God.

adapted from 1 Thessalonians 5:8

GATHERING HYMN

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name” *Glory to God 4*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love. Even so, we have not lived according to your will. When we are oppressed or unjustly accused, we cling to fear and forge to trust in your deliverance. When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others, we hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws. Have mercy on us, Lord, for we are weak and prone to disobedience. Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness, that we might turn to you again, walk in the light, and live in equity and peace; through Jesus Christ we pray.

adapted from Psalm 123:1-4

silent prayer of confession

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

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The first staff has the lyrics 'You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!' with chords Em, D, Em, Am, Em, D, Em. The second staff has the lyrics 'You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!' with chords Am, D, C, D, Em, C, Em. The third staff has the lyrics 'You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!' with chords Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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!

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Children of light, because we belong to our Lord Jesus Christ, we need not fear –

People: for he lived for us, he died for us, he was raised for us and prays for us.

Leader: Believe the promise of your baptism: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying, God of grace, hear our prayer. *adapted from 1 Thessalonians 5:5*

SONG OF PRAISE

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

PASSING THE PEACE

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

HYMN

“Open Your Ears, O Faithful People” *Verse 1*
Glory to God 453

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

HYMN

“Open Your Ears, O Faithful People” *Verse 2*
Glory to God 453

Gospel Lesson Matthew 25:14-30

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

For all that you are and all that you do, we give you thanks, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. We wait in hope for the coming of your realm and offer these gifts to further your kingdom on earth, in Jesus' name. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Come, Labor On”

Glory to God 719

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Glory in Him”

(Brittany)

Question for Reflection

If we believe in the kingdom to come, we need not fear, in life or in death. How does that change the way we live?

Household Prayer: Morning

Good morning, Lord. I welcome the new day, for it is a gift from you. My petty fears are nothing in the face of your love; in the warmth of your wisdom my anxieties melt away. Make me more faithful than I could be on my own, and use me to reflect your light, for there are so many who need to know of your grace. Walk with me, and show me your way, for I would follow you. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Good evening, Lord. Thank you for bringing me through this day, its trials and its joys. You surprise me with wonder and overwhelm me with love. Keep me in your embrace tonight; inhabit my dreams. If you choose to grant me another day of life, awaken me as one who is eager to serve you well. Amen.



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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