



# *Praise God!*

from whom  
all blessings flow;  
praise God,  
all creatures here below!

*Reign of Christ Sunday*

**Order of Worship**

**PRELUDE**

“His Glorious Throne” (Mugavero)

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**RECEIVING THE LIGHT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** The Lord God is our shepherd.

**People:** **We are the people of God’s pasture,  
the sheep of God’s hand.**

**Leader:** God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and  
strengthen the weak.

**People:** **But the proud and power-hungry will  
be fed with justice.**

*adapted from Ezekiel 34:15-16; Psalm 100:3; Matthew 25:31-46*

**GATHERING HYMN**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” *Glory to God 263*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne.**

*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, key of D major, and 6/8 time. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. 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:** However long we wander, however far we stray,

**People:** **God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

**Leader:** Siblings, be assured: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. *adapted from Psalm 100:5*

**SONG OF PRAISE**

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

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS**

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24

## HYMN

“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove” *Glory to God 279*

Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel Lesson Matthew 25:31-46

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](http://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**

Holy God, use us, and these gifts, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and honor your presence in all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **CLOSING HYMN**

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”     *Glory to God 320*

## **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

## **TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

## **POSTLUDE**

“Praise His Sovereignty”     (King/Perelli)

### ***Question for Reflection***

How would it change you to see the face of Christ in every stranger you meet?

### ***Household Prayer: Morning***

God of all creation, I greet your new day with thanksgiving and praise. Do not let me neglect the needs of those I meet today, and keep me faithful to your ways, for I want to live for you. Amen.

### ***Household Prayer: Evening***

Thank you, Lord, for the gifts and challenges of this day. Where I failed to do your will, forgive me. Grant me peace throughout this night, and if I should die, welcome me into your glory with all the saints in light; in Jesus' name. Amen.



Enter into His gates

with

*Thanksgiving*

and into His courts

with praise: be

*Thankful*

unto Him, and bless

His name.

Psalm 100:4

THANKFUL  
THIRTEEN



*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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