

**“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*

**June 6, 2021**

**10:00 AM**



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**Order of Worship**

**PRELUDE**

“I Will Praise You with All My Heart” (Sabatini)

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR/RECEIVING THE LIGHT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord your whole heart.

**People: On the day I called you, you answered me.**

Leader: Gods steadfast love endures forever.

*adapted from Psalm 138:1,3,8*

**GATHERING HYMN**

“When Morning Gilds the Skies” *Glory to God 667*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, have mercy on us, for we have failed to be faithful to you, though you have been faithful to us. You show us your wisdom, but we prefer to go our own way. Our broken relationships with you and one another have created poverty in us and our neighbors. In your mercy, reconcile us to you and one another for the work of justice, peace, and love, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**

*silent prayer of confession*

## KYRIE

Leader: Lord have mercy.

**People: Lord have mercy.**

Leader: Christ have mercy.

**People: Christ have mercy.**

Leader: Lord have mercy.

**People: Christ have mercy.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

### THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading 1 Samuel 8:4-20

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Gospel Lesson Mark 3:20-35

Leader: Holy Wisdom

**People: Holy Word**

### THE SERMON

### MEDITATION

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” (Bach)

### 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.

# THE INVITATION

## HYMN

“For Everyone Born”    **Verses 1 & 2**    *Glory to God 769*

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader:     The Lord be with you.

**People:**     **And also with you.**

Leader:     Lift up your hearts.

**People:**     **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader:     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:**     **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader:     It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy the Paschal feast that, fervent in prayer and words of mercy, and renewed by your Word and sacraments; we may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

**People:**     **Therefore, we join with the whole of your family in heaven and on earth forever praising you and saying:**

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

## **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**Leader:** We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, most holy God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts which you have given. Sanctify us that we may faithfully receive this sacrament and serve you in unity, fidelity and peace; and at the last bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal realm, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All:** **Through Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **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.*

## **BREAKING THE BREAD & POURING THE WINE**

## LAMB OF GOD

Alice Jordan



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re-deem-er of the world: give us your peace.

## PARTAKING OF THE MEAL

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Most loving God, you have given us a share of the One bread and the One cup and made us One with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN

“For Everyone Born” Verses 3 & 5 *Glory to God 769*

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

### POSTLUDE

“Sing the Ways of the Lord” (G.T. Tsardius)



Out of the depths I cry to you O Lord;  
O Lord, hear my voice.  
Let your ears be attentive to my  
cry for mercy.  
If you O Lord kept a record of sins,  
O Lord, who could stand?  
But with you there is forgiveness;  
therefore you are feared.  
I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
and in his word I put my hope.

Psalm 130: 1-5



*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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