

**“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 14, 2020

11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Prepare the Kingdom”

(Nixon)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CHIMING OF THE HOUR RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are authorized by Jesus to be his messengers of the gospel to the world.

People: **How shall we be prepared for such a mission?
How shall we be able to represent him?**

Leader: Not by human might or power, but by the Spirit of Christ within and among us are we made ready.

People: **Let us worship God who calls us to come together and gifts us with the courage, strength, and wisdom we need for life and ministry.**

GATHERING HYMN

“To Abraham and Sarah”

Glory to God 51

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Commissioning Jesus, we acknowledge before you our spiritual and human weakness and sin. While some of your first ambassadors had shady backgrounds, smell on their clothes and dirt on their hands, willful spirits and weak faith, you still chose them and sent them out to work wonders in your name. But we find it difficult to believe that we are the ones in this generation you choose to use. We confess we are more cowardly than brave when it comes to standing against evil, more hesitant than eager when opportunities for telling others about you are given. We confess also that we dwell too much upon our feelings of inadequacy and trust too little what you can do with us and through us as we offer ourselves to you. Forgive us, we pray.

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

silent prayer of confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Jesus said, “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.”

(Luke 6:37)

People: **We who have confessed our sin, and freely given forgiveness to our neighbors, may be assured that we too are forgiven.**

Leader: This is the grace, the justice, and the goodness of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SONG OF PRAISE

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Glory to God 591

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry” *Glory to God 488*

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Genesis 18:1-15

Second Reading Romans 5:1-8

Gospel Lesson Matthew 9:35-10:8

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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

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

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Fortified with Faith” (Marconi)

**SHOUT FOR JOY
TO THE LORD ALL THE EARTH.**

WORSHIP THE LORD WITH GLADNESS;
COME BEFORE HIM WITH JOYFUL SONGS.

KNOW THAT THE LORD IS GOD.

IT IS HE WHO MADE US, AND WE ARE HIS;

WE ARE HIS PEOPLE,

THE SHEEP OF HIS PASTURE.

**ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKGIVING
AND HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE;
GIVE THANKS TO HIM AND PRAISE HIS NAME.**

FOR THE LORD IS GOOD AND
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER;

HIS FAITHFULNESS CONTINUES THROUGH ALL GENERATIONS.

PSALM 100



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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| Ministers | All the people of the Congregation |
| Pastor | The Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier |
| Minister of Music | Dan Weckerly |
| President of the Consistory | Liz Brunton |
| Vice President of the Consistory | Michele Luke |
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Molly Lorenz, Barbara Montague-Graham |
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