

**“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 21, 2020

11:00 AM



herefore we have been buried
with Christ by baptism
into death, so that, just as Christ
was raised from the dead
by the glory of God, so we too
might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:4

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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Allegro” (Johanson)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CHIMING OF THE HOUR RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God knows us and our hungers. God loves us like a father and nurtures us like a mother. God draws us to each other and claims us as the people of God. Knowing this, let us worship God.

INVOCATION

Leader: Lord God, we have come to worship you as sinners in need of your forgiveness.

People: We come tired from our work, in need of refreshment and re-creation.

Leader: We come with worries, in need of your guidance.

People: But first, please lift us out of our preoccupation with our own needs.

Leader: Allow us to see you with the eyes of faith and to hear with the ears of understanding what you say to us.

People: Make us thankful for all the good we have received from you.

Leader: Awaken in us a longing to do what is right.

People: And make us aware of the great company, past, present, and to come, with whom we join to worship you. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

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PASSING THE PEACE

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Genesis 21:8-21

Second Reading Romans 6:1b-11

HYMN

“His Eye is on the Sparrow”

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Gospel Lesson Matthew 10:24-39

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

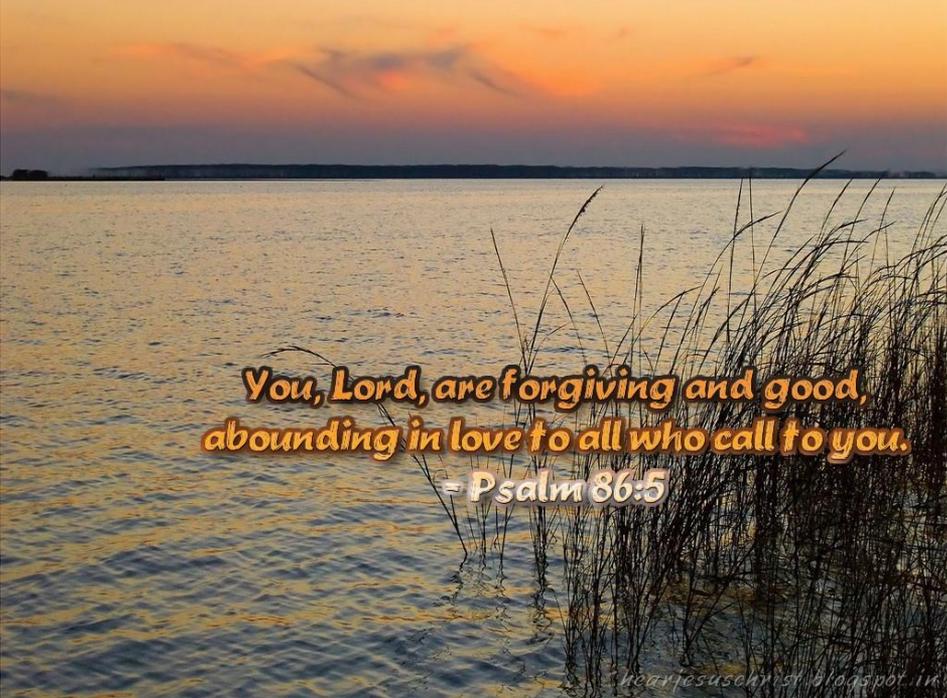
“O For a World”

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TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Faithfully, We Depart” (Behr)

A photograph of a sunset over a large body of water. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The water is calm with some ripples. In the foreground, there are tall, thin reeds or grasses. The text is overlaid on the water and reeds.

***You, Lord, are forgiving and good,
abounding in love to all who call to you.
= Psalm 86:5***

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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.

Ministers	All the people of the Congregation
Pastor	The Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier
Minister of Music	Dan Weckerly
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Secretary of the Consistory	Molly Lorenz
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