

**“Whoever you are...wherever you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here.”
God is Still Speaking**

THE REFORMED CHURCH OF THE

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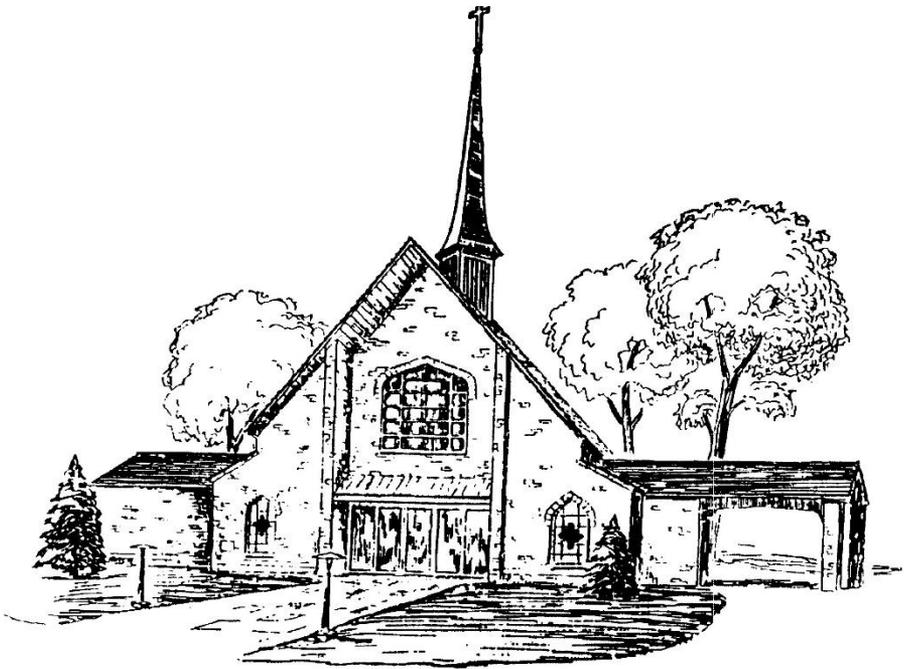
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



An Open and Affirming Congregation

July 5, 2020

11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Patriotic Pride” (Unger)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CHIMING OF THE HOUR RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

- Leader: God has created us free beings, and we are called to live in the freedom that is God’s gift.
- People: We acknowledge that enslavements keep us from the fullness of that freedom, and we come to hear again of the truth that makes us free.**
- Leader: Jesus the Christ is that truth, and in him alone is our true and everlasting freedom. He himself has said, “If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.” (John 8:36)
- People: We come to know Jesus, to honor him, and to celebrate the life we find in him.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” *Glory to God 687*
verses 1 & 2

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Liberating God, lead us this day in the way of freedom, the way of Christ Jesus, that we may truly worship you. By the power of your Holy Spirit, set us free from the ties that bind. Enable us to become strong to stand against all that would imprison, whether the oppressive forces of society, the legalisms of religion, or the dictates of our own egos. And, give us impassioned hearts to declare the freeing word of Christ to the world.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you have gifted us with freedom as our birthright, but we confess we have used our freedom “as an opportunity for self-indulgence.” We fail to selflessly serve one another and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Like Paul, we fail to do the right and good and godly things we know and want to do. Powers work against us from within and without, and, neglecting to call upon your aid, we are easily deterred from our highest determinations, succumbing to the entrapments. Forgive us the gripping sins that block our freedom, whether these be selfishness in the present, guilt from the past, fear for the future, anxiety concerning material security, or failure to trust in your eternal plan for the true freedom of all people in Christ and in your mercy set us free.

silent prayer of confession

KYRIE

Unison A D E A

1 Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri -
2 Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri -

e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
ste e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: We are no longer people under law but under grace.

People: We are set free by love, love revealed through Jesus the Christ, who for our sake endured the cross that we might know true freedom from sin and death.

Leader: In the name of Christ Jesus, I announce that our sins are forgiven.

People: **Glory be to Christ!**

SONG OF PRAISE

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

PASSING THE PEACE

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Second Reading Romans 7:15-25a

HYMN

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” *Glory to God 687*
verses 3 & 4

Gospel Lesson Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

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.

CLOSING HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” *Glory to God 475*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“America” (Vincent)

LET THE KING BE
enthralled
BY YOUR BEAUTY;
honor Him,
FOR HE IS YOUR LORD.

Psalms 45:11



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 |
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| Vice President of the Consistory | Michele Luke |
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