

“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

July 4, 2021

10:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Wisdom in His Words” (Jacoby)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR/RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus Christ, the crucified Lord, calls us to believe the good news of salvation.

People: The grace of Christ is sufficient for us.

Leader: Let us enter into God’s new realm rejoicing, not in our own strength, but in the power of the Holy Spirit.

GATHERING HYMN

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Three, Holy One, Triune God, we confess that we do not believe that you have overcome sin and death. We are more in touch with the pangs of our weakness than we are with the power of your love. In fear, we worship idols; in despair, we collapse in hopelessness; in rage we seek to dominate others. O God of David, forgive us. O Son of David, have mercy on us.

silent prayer of confession

KYRIE

Leader: Lord have mercy.
People: Christ have mercy.
Leader: Lord have mercy.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN

“I the Lord of Sea and Sky” *Glory to God 69*

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading 2 Samuel 5:1-5,9-10
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
please rise
Gospel Lesson Mark 6:1-13
Leader: Holy Wisdom
People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

MEDITATION

“Special Music”

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious triune God, we thank you for the suffering love of Jesus Christ, and for your presence with us in times of joy and of sorrow, sickness and health, faithfulness, and brokenness. We bring these offerings as signs of our gratitude and as tools in the ministry of the church. Use them and us to make known the good news of your healing love and renewing power, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“This is my Song” *Glory to God 340*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Strong in Faith” (Kissinger)

**Thank you, Liz Brunton,
for leading our worship today.**

July Birthdays

7/4-7/10/2021

Cornell Alb (4)

Please keep Kitty Trow’s niece, Brittany Schaffer, in your prayers as she struggles with Crohn’s Disease.

Question for Reflection

Jesus charges his disciples to be vulnerable as he sends them out. The apostle Paul says that he embraces his vulnerability, “for whenever I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Cor. 12:10c). In what ways might God be calling you to be vulnerable today?

Household Prayer: Morning

Fire of life, thank you for bringing me safely through the night. As this new day dawns let me receive it as a gift and a blessing. Open my mind and senses to be fully awake to you. Attune my body to the rhythms of the day so that I can love and serve others as you guide me. If I experience hardship or pain or if I am exposed to danger, send your Holy Spirit to help me to put my trust more fully in you. Remind me that in life and in death I belong to you. Let me walk gently on the earth, thankful for your providence and grace. Let me dance joyfully with you, mindful that I share movement with planets and stars. When the day is done, and it is time to rest, grant that I can offer the day to you with thanksgiving. I offer my prayer in the name of the Beloved Son, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Holy One, I lift my evening pray as shadows cover me and night sounds come from hidden places. But darkness is not dark to you, so I ask that you hear my prayers and see me through the night. I have only activities of the day to offer as my living sacrifice of praise. Forgive my unholiness; reconcile me by your grace. For the sake of the risen Christ, this night grant me peace. Amen.



For this God is our God
for ever and ever;
he will be our guide
even to the end.
Psalm 48:14



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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| Pastor | The Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier |
| Minister of Music | Dan Weckerly |
| President of the Consistory | Liz Brunton |
| Vice President of the Consistory | Michele Luke |
| Secretary of the Consistory | Molly Lorenz |
| Moderator of Spiritual Council | Molly Lorenz |
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Molly Lorenz, Barbara Montague-Graham |
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