

**“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

January 12, 2020

11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Agincourt Hymn”

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
CHIMING OF THE HOUR
RECEIVING THE LIGHT**

CALL TO WORSHIP

please rise

- Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O Heavenly being.
People: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Leader: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
**People: The God of Glory Thunders;
the Lord upon many waters.**
Leader: The voice of the Lord is Powerful,
People: The voice of the Lord is full of Majesty.
Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood.
People: The Lord sits enthroned as sovereign forever.
Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of the Lord’s name;
People: Worship the Lord in Holy array!
All: Let us gather to worship God!

GATHERING HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Glory to God 1

CALL TO CONFESSION

those who desire to kneel, may do so at this time

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

in unison

Almighty God, we have been commanded to preach to the world and testify that Christ is the Ordained by you. Yet we confess that we have fallen short of your will. We put our faith in the things of this world; we are blind to the injustices that are all around us; we often feel that nothing we can do will make a difference and become discouraged; we believe our efforts have failed. In your everlasting mercy, forgive us, and empower us with new faith and vision as we anticipate the coming forth of your realm.

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 -

F# Bm E A (A)

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

RESPONSE

DOXOLOGIES

Gloria Patri

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Glo - ry to the cre - a - tor and to the
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in
the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er
shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

2nd cent.; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex) Irreg.
Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

PASSING THE PEACE

*Let us greet one another with the word,
"The peace of Christ be with you."*

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

please be seated

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

please be seated

Hebrew Lesson Isaiah 42:1-9 *page 670*

HYMN

“There’s A Sweet, Sweet Spirit” *Glory to God 408*

please rise for the gospel

Gospel Lesson Matthew 3:13-17 *page 3*

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

SERVICE OF WATER

Leader: Dear friends, on this day of recreation, we recall Christ’s baptism, and we claim and remember our own.

People: We gather at this font of living water to celebrate the gift of God’s redeeming grace.

Leader: For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

People: For by one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greek, slaves or free, male or female – and were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Leader: Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

HYMN

“At The Font We Start Our Journey”

1 At the font we start our jour - ny, in the Eas - ter
 2 At the pul - pit we are fash - ioned by the Eas - ter
 3 At the al - tar we are nour - ished with the Eas - ter
 4 At the door we are com - mis - sioned, now the Eas - ter

faith bap - tized; doubts and fears no long - er blind us,
 tale re - told; in - to wit - nes - ses and proph - ets,
 gift of bread; in our break - ing it to piec - es
 vic - tory's won, to re - store a world di - vid - ed

by the light of Christ sur - prised. Al - le - lu - ia,
 by the power of Christ made bold. Al - le - lu - ia,
 see the love of Christ out - spread. Al - le - lu - ia,
 to the peace of Christ as one. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Hope held out and re - al - ized.
 al - le - lu - ia! Faith pro - claimed, yet still un - told.
 al - le - lu - ia! Life em - braced, yet free - ly shed.
 al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter's work must still be done.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

Leader: Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God, the creator of heaven and earth.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, the only one begotten of God before all worlds.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in God, the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and community, in the breaking of bread, and in prayer?

People: I will, with God's help.

Leader: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

BLESSING OF WATER

Leader: Let us pray...

THE CONGREGATION REMEMBERS BAPTISM

Leader: Eternal God, you have come to us in Jesus Christ, given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins, bless us now with the grace we need to fulfill what we have promised.

People: Keep us faithful to our Savior Jesus Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: Remember your baptism and be thankful.

People: 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.*

THE OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & OURSELVES
OFFERTORY

“Air From Water Music” (Handel)

DOXOLOGY

*please rise
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Baptizing God, by the power of your divine Spirit move upon the face of the earth to bring peace where there is war, healing where there is pain, freedom where there is oppression, sufficiency where there is want. And, move upon us, the church, that Spirit-filled and Spirit-empowered we may be effective as agents of your purpose. To this end, we offer these gifts and ourselves. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” *Glory to God 827*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

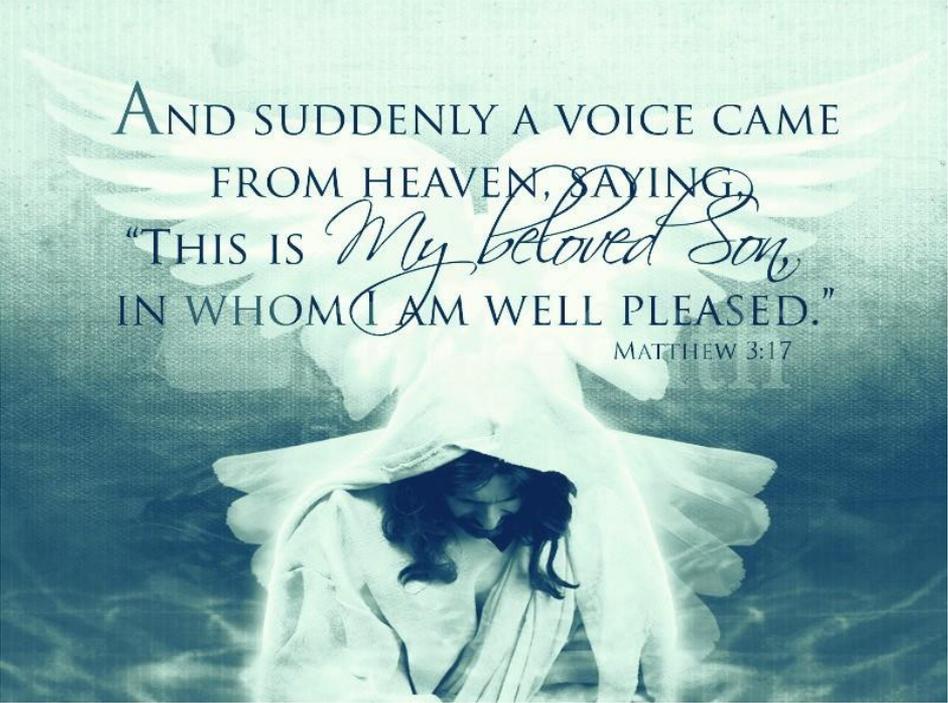
“God Be With You”

*God be with you, God be with you,
God be with you, till we meet again.
O God be with you, God be with you,
God be with you, till we meet again.*

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Two Part Invention #8” (J.S. Bach)



AND SUDDENLY A VOICE CAME
FROM HEAVEN, SAYING,
"THIS IS *My beloved Son*,
IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED."

MATTHEW 3:17



The LORD gives
STRENGTH
to his people;
the LORD blesses
his people with
PEACE.

-Psalm 29:11

PsalmsQuotes.com



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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