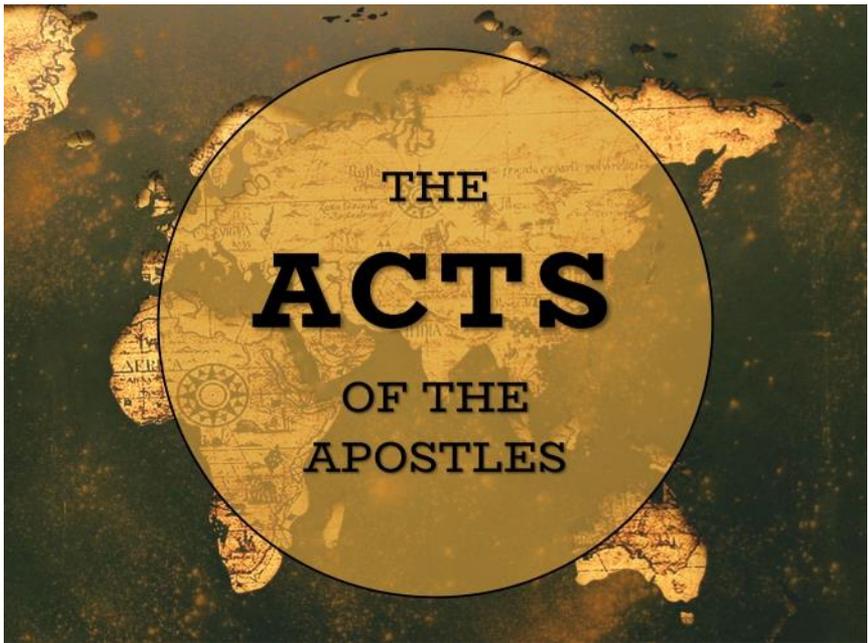




Ascension PCA

August 7, 2022



A community of worshipping, maturing,
and multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ,
to the glory of God the Father,
by the power of His Spirit,
and in the hope of God's Kingdom.

WELCOME TO ASCENSION!

Thank you for joining us for worship today.

**We are delighted that you are here,
especially if this is your first time with us.**

- **Connect Cards:** We would love to know that you were here this morning and encourage you to fill in a Connect Cards so that we can follow up with you, answer your questions, or pray for you. We also invite you to join us for refreshments and conversation after the service.
- **To Parents of Young Children:** We have a staffed nursery for babies to age 3 across the hallway. We encourage younger children to remain with us and participate during the service. They are not a distraction! Feel free to sit up front where your child can more easily see and hear what is happening.
- **Bibles:** If you don't have a copy of God's Word, please help yourself to one of the free Bibles as our gift to you to take home.
- **APC @ a Glance:** Please feel free to join us for any of our weekly events and fellowship opportunities. More information can be found on the blue sheets on the welcome table.

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A WORD ABOUT OUR LITURGY

The elements and sequence that make up our worship service (the liturgy) is the way we tell ourselves, one another, and all in this place, the grand story of the Triune God:
the story of God pursuing a people despite their wanderings and forgetfulness, and shaping them into His people for His glory.



QUIETING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

*O Maker and Upholder of all things,
Your house is mine, but I am unworthy to meet You there,
and am unfit for spiritual service.
When I enter it I come before You as a sinner,
condemned by conscience and Your Word.
For I am weak in the body and in the wilderness,
ignorant, weak, in danger, and in need of Your aid.
But I am encouraged by Your all-sufficient grace.
Let me go to Your house with a lively hope of meeting You,
knowing that You will come to me and give me peace.
Let me before the broken elements,
emblems of Your dying love,
cry to You with broken heart for grace and forgiveness.
I long for that blissful communion of Your people
in Your eternal house in the perfect kingdom.
These are they that follow the Lamb;
May I be of their company!*

~ "Lord's Day Morning" from the *Valley of Vision* (modified)

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

We gather at the invitation of God through His Word.
He speaks first, revealing Himself to us,
and we respond with one voice in joy and thanksgiving!

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9, 13

M: Let us worship the LORD!

**P: He is our refuge and our fortress,
our God, in whom we trust!**

M: Let us confess with our mouths, "*Jesus is Lord*"
and believe in our hearts
that God raised Him from the dead.

**P: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
will be saved!**

M: Let us call upon our true God,
believing Him in our hearts,
confessing Him with our mouths,
worshipping Him in spirit and in truth.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION & ADORATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

The God of Abra'm Praise

**The God of Abra'm praise,
Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of Everlasting Days
and God of love.**

**Jehovah, great I AM!
By earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred Name
forever blest.**

**The God of Abra'm praise,
at whose supreme command
From earth I rise and seek the joys
at His right hand.**

**I all on earth forsake,
its wisdom, fame and pow'r;
And Him my only portion make,
my shield and tow'r.**

**The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high:
"Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost!"
they ever cry.
Hail, Abra'm's God and mine!
I join the heav'nly lays;
All might and majesty are Thine
and endless praise.**

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Your Mercy, My God

**Your mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;
Your free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Has won my affection, and bound my soul fast.**

**Without Your sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But through Your free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.**

**Your mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Your goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.**

**Great Father of mercies, Your goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Your crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.**

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GOD CLEANSSES US

We gather each week as sinners in constant need of His mercy.
The corporate confession of sin acknowledges this
and invites honest expression before God.
However, God isn't silent as we cry out to Him —
He assures us that His grace is bigger than our sin.
God's forgiveness is for all those who humble themselves
before Him in Christ Jesus.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 28:1-17

¹ In that same year, at the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fifth month of the fourth year, Hananiah the son of Azzur, the prophet from Gibeon, spoke to me in the house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and all the people, saying, ²“Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.

³ Within two years I will bring back to this place all the vessels of the LORD’s house, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place and carried to Babylon. ⁴ I will also bring back to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and all the exiles from Judah who went to Babylon, declares the LORD, for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.”

⁵ Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷ Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people.

⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

¹⁰ Then the prophet Hananiah took the yoke-bars from the neck of Jeremiah the prophet and broke them. ¹

¹ And Hananiah spoke in the presence of all the people, saying, “Thus says the LORD: Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all the nations within two years.” But Jeremiah the prophet went his way.

¹² Sometime after the prophet Hananiah had broken the yoke-bars from off the neck of Jeremiah the prophet, the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: ¹³“Go, tell Hananiah, ‘Thus says the LORD: You have broken wooden bars, but you have made in their place bars of iron. ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: I have put upon the neck of all these nations an iron yoke to serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and they shall serve him, for I have given to him even the beasts

of the field.”¹⁵ And Jeremiah the prophet said to the prophet Hananiah, “Listen, Hananiah, the LORD has not sent you, and you have made this people trust in a lie.”¹⁶ Therefore thus says the LORD: ‘Behold, I will remove you from the face of the earth. This year you shall die, because you have uttered rebellion against the LORD.’”

¹⁷ In that same year, in the seventh month, the prophet Hananiah died.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Forgive us our sins, O Lord.

**Forgive us the sins of our youth
and the sins of our age,
the sins of our soul and the sins of our body,
our secret and our whispering sins,
our presumptuous and our careless sins,
the sins we have done to please ourselves,
and the sins we have done to please others.**

**Forgive us the sins that we know,
and the sins that we know not.**

Forgive them, O Lord.

Forgive them all because of Your great goodness.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

*In these moments, we confess our personal sins to God
so that we may take hold of the forgiveness
won for us by Christ, our Redeemer.*

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

John 3:16

**M: For God so loved the world,
that He gave His only Son,
that whoever believes in Him
should not perish but have eternal life.**

SONG OF ASSURANCE

I Will Glory in My Redeemer

**I will glory in my Redeemer,
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails,
And hung Him on that judgment tree.**

***I will glory in my Redeemer,
Who crushed the power of sin and death.
My only Savior before the Holy Judge:
The Lamb who is my righteousness,
The Lamb who is my righteousness.***

**I will glory in my Redeemer.
My life He bought, my love He owns.
I have no longings for another,
I'm satisfied in Him alone.**

***I will glory in my Redeemer,
His faithfulness, my standing place.
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,
My feet are firm, held by His grace,
My feet are firm, held by His grace.***

**I will glory in my Redeemer,
Who carries me on eagles' wings.
He crowns my life with loving kindness,
His triumph song I'll ever sing.**

***I will glory in my Redeemer,
Who waits for me at gates of gold.
And when He calls me it will be paradise,
His face forever to behold,
His face forever to behold.***

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GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Holy Spirit makes the reading and preaching of God's Word a crucial means of growing and comforting God's people and awakening people to new faith in Jesus.

PASTORAL PRAYER

READING OF THE WORD

Acts 2:36–39

³⁶ “Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, Brothers, what shall we do?”

³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.”

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, Amen.**

PREACHING OF THE WORD

“The Promise”

Pastor Austin Clement

PRAYER

GIVING TO THE LORD

Psalm 24:1

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

As A Beggar I Come To Thee

As a beggar, I come to Thee.

As a beggar, I come to Thee.

**With empty hands,
without one plea.**

As a beggar, I come to Thee.

At Thy table I find a feast.

At Thy table I find a feast.

**Here come the poor,
the lame, the least.**

At Thy table, I find a feast.

Precious Savior, how can it be?

Precious Savior, how can it be?

**Thine own dear blood
was shed for me!**

Precious Savior, how can it be?

All my days, Lord, Thy will be done.

All my days, Lord, Thy will be done.

**Long I to see
Thy kingdom come.**

All my days, Lord, Thy will be done.

Come, Lord Jesus, O quickly come!

Come, Lord Jesus, O quickly come!

**With lifted hearts
our prayer is sung:**

Come, Lord Jesus, O quickly come!

**With lifted hearts
our prayer is sung:**

Come, Lord Jesus, O quickly come!

Music and words by Luke Morton

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GOD COMMUNES WITH US

The Lord's Supper is a meal for the family of God, given by Jesus the night before His death to be celebrated until His return. It points back to the cross, forward to the return of King, and spiritually nourishes us for today as we eat and drink in faith.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

CONFESSING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

Isaiah 25:1,6-9

P: O LORD, You are my God;

**I will exalt You; I will praise Your name,
for You have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.**

**On this mountain the LORD of hosts
will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food,**

**a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow,
of aged wine well refined.**

**And He will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.**

**He will swallow up death forever;
and the LORD GOD will wipe away
tears from all faces.**

And the reproach of His people

**He will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.**

It will be said on that day,

**"Behold, this is our God;
we have waited for Him,
that He might save us.**

**This is the LORD; we have waited for Him;
let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."**

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please come forward to receive the elements from the elders at the table, then return to your seats. Please HOLD elements until we can all partake TOGETHER.

SONG OF MEDITATION

When I See the Blood

**Christ, our Redeemer, died on the cross,
Died for the sinner, paid all his due.
Sprinkle your soul with the blood of the Lamb,
And I'll pass over you.**

**Chiefest of sinners, Jesus can save;
All He has promised, surely He'll do;
Wash in the fountain where sinners can bathe,
And I'll pass over you.**

***When I see the blood of my Holy One
My wrath shall be quenched,
My judgments be through.
When I see the blood of my only Son,
Yes, I will pass over you.***

**Judgment is coming, and all will be there,
Each one receiving justly his due.
Hide in the saving, sin-cleansing blood,
And I'll pass over you.**

***When I see the blood of my Holy One
My wrath shall be quenched,
My judgments be through.
When I see the blood of my only Son,
Yes, I will pass over you.***

**O great compassion! O boundless love!
Now crowned with power, Jesus is true;
Find peace and shelter under His blood,
And I'll pass over you.**

***When I see the blood of my Holy One
My wrath shall be quenched,
My judgments be through.
When I see the blood of my only Son,
Yes, I will pass over you.***

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GOD SENDS US

We end by receiving God's promises to us as His people.
He will be with us as we serve Him in this world,
to the end of all time.

BENEDICTION



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9:00AM: Discipleship Hour

**10:00AM: Worship Service
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