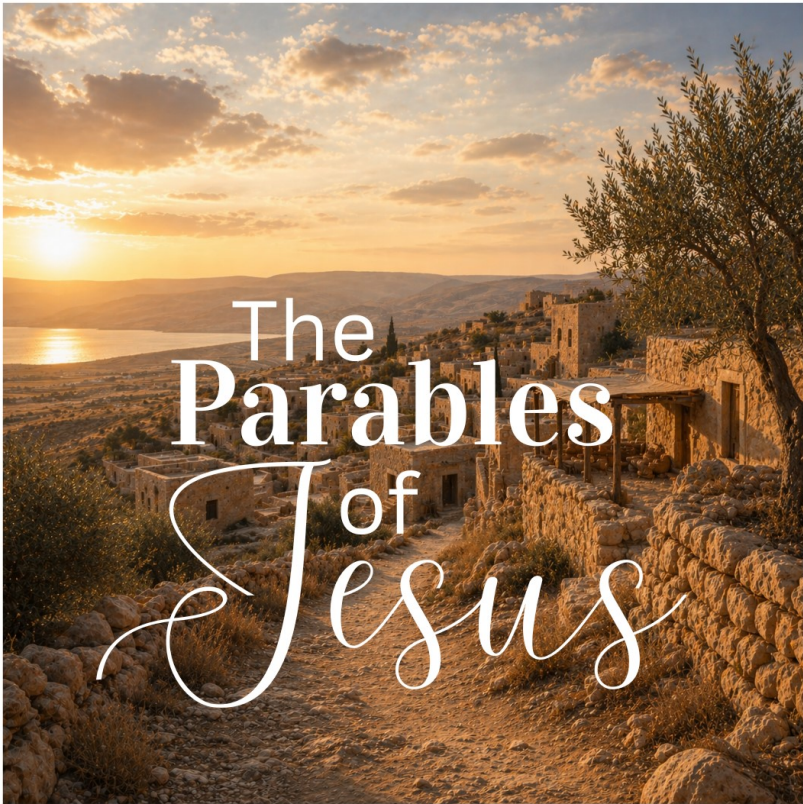




Ascension PCA

May 10, 2026



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 with One Another:**

We would love to know that you were here this morning and encourage you to fill in a *Connect Card* so that we can follow up with you, answer your questions, or pray for you.

Our practice of wearing *Name Tags* is to make you feel more comfortable among us, help you to identify staff and leadership, and make it easier for you to connect with us. See our back page for contact information.

We heartily invite you to join us for *refreshments* and conversation after the service.

## **To Parents of Young Children:**

If you would like to utilize it, we have a staffed *Nursery* for children through age 3 across the hall.

We encourage younger children to remain with us 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.

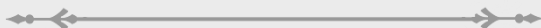
*Clipboards for kids* are available to encourage our children to participate in our worship together. Stop by the special Kids Table to pick up clipboards and crayons for your child.

## **Free Biblical Resources:**

If you don't have a copy of God's Word, please help yourself to one of the free Bibles as our gift for you to take home.

You are also welcome to browse the literature and resources available to you on the Welcome Table, carts, and stands.

Joyfully worshipping together  
as the family of God,  
with reverence and awe,  
mindful of our heritage  
as well as our present context.



## 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

What will you get by looking upward to Jesus?  
Comfort and strength in all the daily battle of life.

What thought more cheering than the thought  
that Jesus is ever looking at you and watching over you!

What idea more strengthening than the idea  
that you are never alone, never forgotten, never neglected,  
never without a Friend who is

*"able to save to the uttermost*

*all them who come unto God by Him!"* (Heb. 7:25)

This daily upward look at Jesus is a most important point.

~J.C. Ryle

# 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!

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Jeremiah 10:6–7*

**P: There is none like You, O LORD;  
You are great, and Your name is great in might.  
Who would not fear You, O King of the nations?  
For this is Your due;  
for among all the wise ones of the nations  
and in all their kingdoms  
there is none like You.**

## SONGS OF PRAISE

*Holy, Holy, Holy!*

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning  
our song shall rise to Thee.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
casting down their golden crowns  
around the glassy sea.  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
though the eye of sinful man  
Thy glory may not see.**

**Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name  
in earth and sky and sea.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
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*Lord, for Your Glory*

**Lord, for Your glory we sing Your praises.  
We magnify Your holy name.**

**All for Your glory, Lord, we bring blessing.  
We seek to honor You all of our days!**

*We lift our hands, we lift our praise to You,  
We worship all You are in spirit and truth.  
We give our hearts, we live our lives for You,  
We offer all we are for the glory of You.*

**Almighty Father, we are Your children.  
You have been faithful to Your own.**

**Lord, for Your glory, we have been chosen.  
We lay down all we have here at Your throne!**

*We lift our hands, we lift our praise to You,  
We worship all You are in spirit and truth.  
We give our hearts, we live our lives for You,  
We offer all we are, we offer all we have,  
We offer all our lives for the glory of You.*

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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

*Psalms 113*

*C.J. DeGroot*

- 1 Praise the LORD!  
Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD!
- 2 Blessed be the name of the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore!
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised!
- 4 The LORD is high above all nations,  
and His glory above the heavens!

5 Who is like the LORD our God,  
who is seated on high,  
6 who looks far down  
on the heavens and the earth?  
7 He raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,  
8 to make them sit with princes,  
with the princes of his people.  
9 He gives the barren woman a home,  
making her the joyous mother of children.  
Praise the LORD!

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*adapted from John 14:9 & Matthew 13:13-17*

**P: Heavenly Father, have mercy on us.  
We have seen Your Son, but our eyes are dim.  
We have heard Him, but our ears are dull.  
We have known Him, but our hearts are faint.  
Comfort and pride blind us.  
Lusts and fears deafen us.  
Careless hearts deaden us.  
So we hear, but we do not understand.  
And we see, but we do not perceive.  
Have mercy on us and heal us.  
Give us eyes to see and ears to hear the Christ,  
the Son of God. 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.*

## THE PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

*from Acts 16:3 & Romans 4:25*

Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.  
For He was delivered over to death for our sins  
and was raised to life for our justification.  
In Him our sins are forgiven.

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

*In Christ Alone*

**In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.**

**What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones He came to save.**

**'Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,  
up from the grave He rose again!**

**And as He stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine —  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.**

**No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'Till He returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

**No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'Till He returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

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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

### *Matthew 25:14-30*

<sup>14</sup> "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

<sup>16</sup> He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup> So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup> But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

<sup>19</sup> Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' <sup>21</sup> His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup> And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' <sup>23</sup> His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

<sup>24</sup> He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.'

<sup>26</sup> But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup> For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

## 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.**



## PRAYER

### GIVING TO THE LORD

*Matthew 6:24*

No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

### SONG OF THANKSGIVING

*I Delight (Isaiah 61:10)*

**I delight, greatly in the LORD,  
my soul rejoices in my God.**

**I delight, greatly in the LORD,  
my soul rejoices in my God.**

**For He has clothed me  
with garments of salvation;  
He has arrayed me  
in robes of righteousness.**

**For He has clothed me  
with garments of salvation;  
He has arrayed me  
in robes of righteousness.**

**As a bridegroom adorns  
his head like a priest,  
As a bride adorns her head with jewels...**

**For He has clothed me  
with garments of salvation;  
He has arrayed me  
in robes of righteousness.**

**For He has clothed me  
with garments of salvation;  
He has arrayed me  
in robes of righteousness.**

**So I delight, greatly in the LORD,  
my soul rejoices in my God.**

**So I delight, greatly in the LORD,  
my soul rejoices in my God.**

# 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.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

### CONFESSING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

*based on Ephesians 1:3-18*

**P: All glorious God, we give You thanks!**

**In Your Son, Jesus Christ,  
You have given us every spiritual blessing  
in the heavenly realms.  
You chose us, before the world was made,  
to be Your holy people, without fault in Your sight.  
You adopted us as Your children in Christ.  
You have set us free by His blood;  
You have forgiven our sins.**

**You have made known to us Your secret purpose,  
to bring heaven and earth into unity in Christ.  
You have given us Your Holy Spirit,  
the seal and pledge of our inheritance.**

**All praise and glory be Yours, O God,  
for the richness of Your grace,  
for the splendor of Your gifts,  
for the wonder of Your love. Amen.**

## 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.*

*Gluten-free bread and grape juice are available from the trays.*

*Please HOLD elements until we can all partake TOGETHER.*

# SONG OF MEDITATION

## *Living Waters*

**Are you thirsty? Are you empty?  
Come and drink these living waters.  
Tired and broken, peace unspoken,  
rest beside these living waters.**

**Christ is calling, find refreshing  
at the cross of living waters.  
Lay your life down, all the old gone,  
rise up in these living waters.**

***There's a river that flows with mercy and love,  
bringing joy to the city of our God;  
There our hope is secure,  
do not fear anymore.  
Praise the Lord of living waters.***

**Spirit moving, mercy washing;  
healing in these living waters.  
Lead your children to the shoreline,  
life is in these living waters.**

***There's a river that flows with mercy and love,  
bringing joy to the city of our God;  
There our hope is secure,  
do not fear anymore.  
Praise the Lord of living waters.***

**Are you thirsty? Are you empty?  
Come and drink these living waters.  
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless.  
Christ, He is our living waters.**

***There's a river that flows with mercy and love,  
bringing joy to the city of our God;  
There our hope is secure,  
do not fear anymore.  
Praise the Lord of living waters.  
There our hope is secure,  
do not fear anymore.  
Praise the Lord of living waters.***

# 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.

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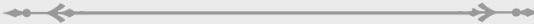
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