



Ascension PCA

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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

*The Christian knows no change with regard to God.
He may be rich today and poor tomorrow;
he may be sickly today and well tomorrow;
he may be in happiness today, tomorrow he may be distressed
— but there is no change with regard to
his relationship to God.*

*If He loved me yesterday, He loves me today.
My unmoving mansion of rest is my blessed Lord.*

*Let prospects be blighted, let hopes be blasted,
let joy be withered, let mildews destroy everything.
I have lost nothing of what I have in God.
He is “my strong habitation whereunto I can
continually resort.”*

*I am a pilgrim in the world, but at home in my God.
In the earth I wander,
but in God I dwell in a quiet habitation.*

~ Charles Spurgeon

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

Exodus 15:11,2

- M: Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like You, majestic in holiness,
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?
- P: The LORD is my strength and my song,
and He has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise Him,
my father's God, and I will exalt Him.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee

**Lord, with glowing heart I'd praise Thee
for the bliss Thy love bestows;
for the pard'ning grace that saves me,
and the peace that from it flows.
Help, O God, my weak endeavor;
this dull soul to rapture raise:
Thou must light the flame, or never
can my love be warmed to praise.**

**Praise, my soul, the God that sought me,
wretched wand'rer far astray;
found me lost, and kindly brought me
from the paths of death away.
Praise, with love's devoutest feeling,
Him who saw my guilt-born fear;
and, the light of hope revealing,
bade the blood-stained cross appear.**

**Praise my Savior God that drew me
to that cross, new life to give;
held a blood-sealed pardon to me,
bade me look to Him and live.
Praise the grace whose threats alarmed me,
roused me from my fatal ease;
praise the grace whose promise warmed me,
praise the grace that whispered peace.**

Oh What High and Holy Privilege

**Oh what high and holy priv'lege,
once again to gather here
in the name of our Lord Jesus
as we see His Day draw near.
May we join in joyful rev'rence
with thanksgiving, faith, and love
as He welcomes in His people
to the throne of grace above.**

**Oh what high and holy priv'lege
voices raised in prayer and praise,
boldly bringing great petitions,
gladly singing hymns of faith.
May His grace at work among us
cleanse and heal us from our sin
that our prayers may not be hindered
and our praises honor Him.**

**Oh what high and holy priv'lege
hearing from the Word of God,
heaven speaks in perfect wisdom,
earth responds and stands in awe.
Do our hearts not burn within us
as we see God's promises
find their final yes in Jesus,
leading us to righteousness!**

**Oh what high and holy priv'lege
this communion that we share
with the Father, Son, and Spirit
and His people everywhere.
As we go with God's great blessing
in the keeping of His grace,
go in peace to love and service
till we join again in praise.**

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in the keeping of His grace,
go in peace to love and service
till we join again in praise,
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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.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 3:1-13

¹ Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ² who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³ For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses — as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself.

⁴ (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵ Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶ but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are His house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

⁷ Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,

⁸ "Today, if you hear His voice,
⁹ do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,
on the day of testing in the wilderness,
where your fathers put Me to the test
and saw My works for forty years.

¹⁰ Therefore I was provoked with that generation,
and said, 'They always go astray in their heart;
they have not known My ways.'

¹¹ As I swore in my wrath,
'They shall not enter My rest.'"

¹² Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.

¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Jeremiah 14:20-22

**P: We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,
and the iniquity of our fathers,
for we have sinned against You.**

**Do not spurn us, for Your name's sake;
do not dishonor Your glorious throne;
remember and do not break Your covenant with us.**

**Are there any among the false gods of the nations
that can bring rain?**

Or can the heavens give showers?

Are you not He, O LORD our God?

**We set our hope on You,
for You do all these things.**

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.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

My Redeemer

**I will sing of my Redeemer,
and His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered,
from the curse to set me free.**

**I will tell the wondrous story,
how my lost estate to save;
In His boundless love and mercy,
He the ransom freely gave.**

*Sing, O sing, of my Redeemer,
with His blood He purchased me.
On the cross He sealed my pardon,
paid the debt
and made me free.*

**I will sing of my Redeemer,
and His heav'nly love to me;
He from death to life hath brought me,
Son of God with Him to be.**

*Sing, O sing, of my Redeemer,
with His blood He purchased me.
On the cross He sealed my pardon,
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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

Psalms 25

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- 2 O my God, in You I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.
- 3 Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
- 4 Make me to know Your ways, O LORD;
teach me Your paths.
- 5 Lead me in Your truth and teach me,
for You are the God of my salvation;
for You I wait all the day long.
- 6 Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
- 7 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to Your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!
- 8 Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore He instructs sinners in the way.
- 9 He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble His way.
- 10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.
- 11 For Your name's sake, O LORD,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.
- 12 Who is the man who fears the LORD?
Him will He instruct in the way that he should choose.
- 13 His soul shall abide in well-being,
and his offspring shall inherit the land.

14 The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear Him,
and He makes known to them His covenant.

15 My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for He will pluck my feet out of the net.

16 Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.

17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
bring me out of my distresses.

18 Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.

19 Consider how many are my foes,
and with what violent hatred they hate me.

20 Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!
Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in You.

21 May integrity and uprightness preserve me,
for I wait for You.

22 Redeem Israel, O God,
out of all his troubles.

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

"A Prayer for the Fall"

Pastor Nate Hitchcock

SERMON NOTES: _____

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***Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

***Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

***Great is Thy faithfulness!
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Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

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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

The Apostles' Creed & The Mystery of Faith

**P: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven
and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

M: Great is the mystery of faith:

**P: Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

M: Praise to You, Lord Jesus:

**P: Dying, You destroyed our death;
Rising, You restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

M: According to His commandment:

**P: We remember His death;
We proclaim His resurrection;
We await His coming in glory.**

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

I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)

**Out of the depths I cry to You,
in darkest places I will call,
incline Your ear to me anew,
and hear my cry for mercy, Lord.**

**Were You to count my sinful ways,
how could I come before Your throne?
yet, full forgiveness meets my gaze,
I stand redeemed by grace alone.**

***I will wait for You, I will wait for You,
on Your word I will rely.***

***I will wait for You, surely wait for You
till my soul is satisfied.***

**So put Your hope in God alone,
take courage in His power to save,
completely and forever won
by Christ emerging from the grave.**

***I will wait for You, I will wait for You,
on Your word I will rely.***

***I will wait for You, surely wait for You
till my soul is satisfied.***

**Now He has come to make a way,
and God Himself has paid the price,
that all who trust in Him today
find healing in His sacrifice.**

***I will wait for You, I will wait for You
through the storm and through the night.***

***I will wait for You, surely wait for You,
for Your love is my delight.***

***I will wait for You, I will wait for You
through the storm and through the night.***

***I will wait for You, surely wait for You,
for Your love is my delight.***

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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.

RECESSIONAL SONG

May the Grace of Christ our Savior

**May the grace of Christ our Savior,
and the Father's boundless love,
with the Holy Spirit's favor,
rest upon us from above.**

**Thus may we abide in union
with each other and the Lord,
and possess, in sweet communion,
joys which earth cannot afford.**

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