



Reformation Sunday
October 27, 2024 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" Arr. Cathy Moglebust
(* *Indicates that all are invited to stand*)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (1)

One: Be still!

All: We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.

One: Be still and know . . .

All: We come to discern the Word which can set us free.

One: Be still and know that God is...

All: Our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.

*GATHERING HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" #439 *New Century Hymnal vv.1-3*
(*For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack*)

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;

Our present help amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;

with craft and power great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth without an equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,

But there is one who takes our side, the One of God's own choosing.

You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus sets us free!

With mighty power to save, victorious o'er the grave, Christ will prevail triumphant.

**And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed the truth to triumph through us.**

The powers of evil grim, we tremble not for them;

their rage we can endure, for lo, their doom is sure; one little word shall fell them.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (1)

When we want to be a church ever-reforming,
yet cling to comfortable ways:

Gracious God, have mercy on us!

When we want to honor your “still speaking voice,”
but are fearful of insights which challenge old assumptions:

Gracious God, have mercy on us!

When we want to live into Jesus’ dream of oneness,
but fail to listen to voices of difference:

Gracious God, have mercy on us! (*silent confession*)

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Take heart; Jesus is calling to us!

We trust in the one who has guided the church for two millennia.

Through Christ, God forgives us our failings,

and continues to call us into a community of mutual love and forgiveness.

Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE “A Might Fortress is Our God” v.4**

That Word above all earthly powers forever is abiding;

The Spirit and the gifts are ours, for Christ is with us siding.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;

the body they may kill: God's truth shall triumph still; God's reign endures forever!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

HANDBELL ANTHEM "Cantus Invenilis" (Youthful Song) Valerie W. Stephenson

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10:46-52 Pew Bible p.823

A Word of God that is still speaking,

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION "Be Now My Vision" #451 *New Century Hymnal*

(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

**Be now my vision, O God of my heart; nothing surpasses the love you impart—
You my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, your presence my light.**

**Be now my wisdom, and be my true word; ever within me, my soul is assured;
Mother and Father, you are both to me, now and forever your child I will be.**

**Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise, you, my inheritance, now and always;
You and you only are first in my heart, great God my treasure, may we never part.**

**Sovereign of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

RESPONDING

We respond to God's Word through our prayers and our gifts.

NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

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, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY "What Offering Shall I Bring" Robert Elmore

(A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE #778 *New Century Hymnal*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*COMMISSIONING HYMN "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" #25 *New Century Hymnal*
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home.**

**Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream fades at the opening day.**

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Still be our God while troubles last, and our eternal home!**

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Voluntary in D"

William Selby

SENDING

With God's blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.

Worship Endnotes

1. Adapted from www.re-worship.blogspot.com
2. Adapted from www.ministrymatters.com

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