REFORMATION SUNDAY

ORDER OF WORSHIP • OCTOBER 27, 2024 • 9:00 AM

✢ *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✢ GATHERING HYMN

BUILT ON A ROCK
LBW #365, STANZAS 1, 2, 3

✢ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 46

WL: In the name of the Father, and of the ✢ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

WL: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
All: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.
WL: "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
All: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

✢ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Let us confess our sins to God, who loves us with an unending love, whose presence calms our fears, and whose word brings life.

a time of silence for reflection

WL: Holy God, Source of all life,
All: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we do not fully believe it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us and free us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

WL: Beloved in Christ, God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to turn us and renew us. In ✢ Christ, our sins are forgiven. On this very morning we are called, raised up, and empowered to follow anew Christ, our Savior. We share his death, and, with him, we are reborn to life eternal. Go now and serve our risen Savior with joy!
All: Amen!

✢ HYMN OF PRAISE

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
LBW #564

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Let us pray. Let us pray: God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

REVELATION 14:6-7

R: Our first lesson on this Reformation Sunday is from the fourteenth chapter of Revelation.

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON — ROMANS 3:19-28

R: The second lesson is from the third chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans.

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

✢ VERSE — THY STRONG WORD
LBW #233, STANZA 1

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
at Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee,
while Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

✢ HOLY GOSPEL — JOHN 8:31-36

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.
All: Glory to you, O Lord!

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, O Christ!

✢ VERSE — THY STRONG WORD
LBW #233, STANZA 4

From the cross thy wisdom shining
breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth
all thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

TODAY'S MESSAGE

✢ MESSAGE HYMN — RISE, SHINE, YOU PEOPLE
LBW #393

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

GATHERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

CHORAL ANTHEM — FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH
by the Parish Choir — BY JOHN RUTTER

Service of the Sacrament

✢ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
WL: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

✢ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✢ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
All: 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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

✢ PAX DOMINI

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: Amen.

✢ AGNUS DEI

Repeat each short phrase the cantor sings

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMN

TILL THE NIGHT IS O'ER
BY DAVID LUDWIG

Text is printed on the next page.
The musical score is printed on a separate sheet.

Till the night is o'er,
Till the fear is past,
Till the poor and lost have a home at last
Till the captives all have been set free,
Till the ones oppressed know Jubilee,
Let us lift our eyes,
Look to the East,
Unbar the gates,
Prepare a feast,
And with the lame, the blind, the poor,
Await God's justice at the open door,
Till Christ is present
and the night is o'er.

See! The night is o'er,
And the fear is past,
Where the poor and lost find a home at last,
Where the captives all, unbound and free,
With the ones oppressed live Jubilee,
Right before our eyes,
Not in some East,
But within the gates,
Within the feast,
Within the lame, the blind, the poor,
Within the justice of the open door,
There Christ is present
and the night is o'er.

Come and lift your voice,
Let us live the song,
For the night is o'er when the fear is gone.
We are captives, all, till all are free,
Till the ones oppressed sing Jubilee,
Till we turn our eyes
Both West and East,
Walk through the gates
and share the feast
set by the lame, the blind, the poor,
God's feast of justice and the open door,
Where Christ is present
and the night is o'er.

✢ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

All: Amen.

✢ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: Let us pray. Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to serve and to heal, following in the footsteps of our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

✢ BLESSING

WL: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

All: Amen.

✢ SENDING HYMN

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD
LBW #229

✢ SENDING

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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