

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

Reformation Sunday

October 30, 2022

The asterisk () indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Lord our God, you yourself remind us through your holy people that all our religious practices are not worth anything if we use them to bend you our way. God, may we come to you in humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and to turn your way. Accept us as your sons and daughters, together with Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord forever. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

“Lord, When I Came into This Life”

arr. Philip M. Young

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Martha Geib Scholarship Auction

Introit

“You Are My All in All”

Dennis Jernigan, 1990

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!

You are my strength when I am weak;

You are the treasure that I seek;

You are my all in all.

When I fall down, you pick me up;

When I am dry, you fill my cup;

You are my all in all.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Today is Reformation Sunday.

People: We celebrate the Church that was, the Church that is, and the Church that will be.

Leader: History has proven that we may never be able to predict where our journey through life may take us, but that our journey will always be filled with God's grace.

People: Let us journey together.

Leader: That journey together starts right here.

People: Let us worship God!

***Hymn**

“Our God, We Are a Church Reformed”

AZMON 8.6.8.6 (“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”)

Our God, we are a church reformed,
A church reforming still:
We long to grow in your true Word,
And follow more your will.

How awesome is your sovereign rule;
You reign from heav'n above.
Yet you knelt down in Jesus Christ,
In sacrificial love.

In love, you bring your people here
And call your church to you,
That we may know salvation's joy
And serve in all we do.

You call us to community;
By faith our hearts are stirred.
In church, we seek an ordered life,
According to your Word.

As faithful stewards we find joy;
We need no rich display.
Lord, teach us all to use with care
The gifts you give each day.

The world makes gods of lesser things,
And wrongly uses power;
So by your Spirit may we work
For justice every hour.

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The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** *(read in unison)*

No words can express the depth of our need or reveal the extent of our sin. But you know us completely, O God. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. You rescue us from evil and clothe us with love. Humbly, we thank you; for no words can express our gratitude for the gift of your salvation. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response Hymn** “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (v. 1) #610

Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Children’s Sermon

First Scripture Reading

Galatians 2:11-21

Choir Anthem

“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

arr. Clint Morse

(refrain)

I’m so glad Jesus lifted me,

Singing Glory hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus set me free.

Singing Glory hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus rescued me.

Singing Glory hallelujah! Jesus lifted me. (refrain)

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 18:9-14

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Going Home Justified”

Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

The Response to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith

The Second Helvetic Confession (5.107)

We are justified on account of Christ. Now it is most certain that all of us are by nature sinners and godless, and before God’s judgment-seat are convicted of godlessness and are guilty of death, but that, solely by the grace of Christ and not from any merit of ours or consideration for us, we are justified, that is, absolved from sin and death by God the Judge. For what is clearer than what Paul said: “Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.”

*Hymn

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

#415

Prayers of the People and 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

*Response

Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

The Sending of God’s People

*Closing Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

#275

*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Response “We Are the Church”



I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!



All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - gether!

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*Postlude

“A Mighty Fortress”

arr. Lani Smith

Pastors: Rev. Désirée Youngblood
Dr. Mark A. Johnson

Liturgist: Harriet Dana

Flowers: Given by Phil & Prudy Goodyear

... In celebration & loving memory of Clinton ‘Clint’ Morse

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Organist: Carol Welk

Bass Guitar: Joe Blaho

Acolyte: Devin Griggs