

# Reformation Sunday

October 31, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

\*Congregation standing for those who are able.

## Our Approach to God

Prelude

*Chorus of the Blessed Spirits*

arr. Smith

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The Call to Worship

Deuteronomy 6:4a

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. We gather to worship God alone,

**Soli Deo gloria!**

We gather as people reformed and reforming,

**proclaiming the cornerstones of our faith:**

Scripture alone,

**Christ alone, faith alone, grace alone, glory always, to God alone.**

Let us worship

**the God who renews us and reforms us. Amen!**

\*The Hymn of Praise

*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*  
(Congregation sings verses 1&2)

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The Call to Confession

Jesus, our great high priest, calls us to confess our sins, to receive forgiveness, and to be renewed for lives of freedom and joy

\*The Prayer of Confession

**O God, you have never stopped moving in the world and calling your church to follow your lead. Forgive us, O God, when we think of ourselves as reformed only in the past tense. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to follow the winds of your spirit leading us to change. Forgive us, O God, when we are stuck in our ways hesitant to listen to your message coming to us through the voice of a neighbor, a stranger, or new generation.**

**Forgive us, O God, and grant us assurance that you have never stopped reforming your church.**

**Hear us now O God, as we approach in the silence of our hearts with our individual intentions (silence).**

**O God, by your grace, free us from all that keeps us bound. Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

Jesus said: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 5:7

\*The Response

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!**

**I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.**

The Special Music

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

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arr. Ray

## The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Psalm Reading

Psalm 119:1-8

676 OT

The Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

197 OT

The Sermon

"Shema: Listen"

Pastor Philomena

## Our Response to Serve

\*The Affirmation of Faith (Second Helvetic Confession)

**We believe in one holy catholic Church, the communion of saints. The Church is an assembly of the faithful called or gathered out of the world; a communion of all saints, namely, of those who truly know and rightly worship and serve the true God in Christ the Savior, by the Word and Holy Spirit, and who by faith are partakers in all the benefits which are freely offered through Christ. Amen!**

\*The Hymn

*For All the Saints*

(Congregation sings verses 1 & 3)

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The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.**

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*  
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Pachelbel

\*The 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.**

\*The Prayer of Dedication

\*The Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*How Firm a Foundation*  
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**Our guest musician today is – Laurel Taipale, organ and piano**

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# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## Fall-Winter Book Study

Led by Pastor Philomena: "Sailboat Church, Helping Your Church Rethink Its Mission and Practice" Thursday at 7:00pm-8:00pm or Saturday 10:00am via Zoom. A copy of the book is \$9.60. Hope you will join in exploring ways of being a Sailboat Church or Rowboat Church.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second Adult Education

Join us every Sunday at 10:45 a.m. in the library as we continue to study "The Story of the Bible". It is one of the Great Courses of Religion and Theology by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson. After watching a short video, we will enjoy a time of discussion, sharing and reflection.



## Boy Scouts Wreath Sale

This is the **LAST** Sunday to order Christmas greens from Boy Scout Troop 321. The profits from these items support the Scouts going to camps and events all year long. Delivery to the church, or locally to your home, will be the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Additional information and orders forms are available in the church office. Please support our Boy Scouts.



## Christmas Stockings for Veteran's and Families

The Mission Committee has been notified that our previous partner in sending stockings to troops overseas is no longer operating in the Saginaw area. However, in the spirit of giving and supporting those who have protected our country, we are partnering with the "I Support the 1%" Veterans Food Pantry to collect stockings for local veterans and their families in need through the holidays. Stockings are available in the church hallway - can be stuffed with any Christmas items, candy, or personal items for either an adult veteran or the child of a veteran. **Please return filled stockings to the church by next Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.**

## Reformation Sunday October 31, 2021 Of Heretics and Outlaws The Edict of Worms

Up until 1521, it had been relatively safe to show an interest in the writings and teachings of Martin Luther (1483-1546). When Luther refused to recant his writings in opposition to various doctrines and practices of the Roman Catholic Church, the Edict of Worms was signed by Charles V, the Holy Roman Emperor, on May 25, 1521, officially declaring Luther a heretic and an outlaw.

The decree "forbid anyone from this time forward to dare, either by words or by deeds, to receive, defend, sustain, or favor the said Martin Luther." The Edict declared Luther to be an obstinate heretic and banned the reading or possession of his writings. It further called for his capture.

Luther escaped to safety at the Wartburg Castle under the protection of Frederick the Wise, Elector of Saxony, where he proceeded to translate the New Testament into German. Luther had become a prolific writer, fully embracing the new technology of the printing press to widely disseminate his teachings.

Attempts to carry out the Edict were largely unsuccessful and the movement

for Reform swept across much of Northern Europe, forever changing the face of Christianity. We owe a debt of gratitude to all who have fought

for their convictions and beliefs at any cost as we continue the work of building the Kingdom of God.

