

## GET READY FOR ONLINE WORSHIP

Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2020

During the period of online worship, our worship style is simplified, with no musical liturgy, but with hymns and/or songs. The texts of hymns and songs will be printed in this online bulletin where they appear in the order of worship. You are encouraged to sing along at home with the accompaniment from the musician at church.

This is a time to bust forth fully in song without worrying about being heard by the congregation, which should encourage some of the more shy singers among you, and to give full prayerful voice to fear or sorrow, supplications for mercy, and of course, to trust, hope and praise.

### HOW WE SHALL RECEIVE COMMUNION

Members are encouraged to have gathered both bread and wine or grape juice in the space where family members will gather for worship, so that everyone may participate in the full liturgy of the Eucharist. Even if you are alone in your home, please partake of the body and blood of Christ in the forms of bread and wine. We are together in the Body of Christ, by God's loving Spirit, even when we are not present with another in our own flesh.

The radio frequency that you can hear the worship service is 94.3FM.

## 21st Sunday of Pentecost

Sunday

October 25, 2020

Accompanist

Diane Rauser

Liturgists

Lois Kern and George Stevens

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*ELW = the red hymn book underneath your seat. Hymns are located in the back of the book.*

### Gathering

#### **Prelude**

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

**P:** In the Name of the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

**P** Our Lord God is holy and just and good,  
and our Lord God requires us to be holy and just and good. *(pause)*

**O** Lord...

**C: your list of laws is too great  
that we cannot remember them all, let alone keep them:  
no vengeance, no grudge,  
no hate, no partiality in justice, no slander...  
books and books of your law,  
not even counting all our special cases and exceptions.  
And in our freedom, we encroach upon your will.  
It is our nature to do so.**

**Forgive us, Lord, for the sins we know in our hearts.**

**Save us, Lord, from the sins we hide.**

*(pause for reflection and self-examination)*

P: God holds our relationship with God above even God's own stiff requirements of us. It is in this love that God gave Jesus Christ as a sacrifice to pay the price of our sinfulness. Our sins are forgiven, and forgiven sins call us in love to repent. We have even been given the power of the Holy Spirit that we might seek to love the Lord our God with all our heart and all our soul and all our mind, and our neighbor as our self, - in the name of Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Special Music:** *Mercy*

*Sean, Joel and Robyn*

**Gathering Song:** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

**ELW 504**

A mighty fortress is our God,  
a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
and wins salvation glorious.

The old satanic foe  
has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might  
he arms himself to fight.

On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might!

We would be lost, rejected.

But now a champion comes to fight,  
whom God himself elected.

You ask who this may be?

The Lord of hosts is he!

Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,

God's only Son, adored.

He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land  
all threat'ning to devour us,  
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;

they cannot overpower us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage;  
in battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide,  
no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
for God himself fights by our side  
with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
though life be wrenched away,  
they cannot win the day.

**The kingdom's ours forever!**

Liturgy of the Word

## **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## **Kyrie**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;  
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;

that we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;  
for life and for love, for our work and our play,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;

that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

## **Glory to God**

**Glory to God in the highest, the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you,  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

**Glory to God in the highest, the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

**Glory to God in the highest, the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

**Glory to God in the highest, the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

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### **Prayer of the Day**

O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Reading: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

<sup>2</sup>Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. <sup>18</sup>You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 1**

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the  
scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night. R**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due  
season, with leaves that | do not wither;  
everything they | do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so | with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed. R**



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 22: 34-46**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 22nd chapter.

**Glory, to you, O Lord**

<sup>34</sup>When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup>and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

<sup>37</sup>He said to him, “ “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

<sup>41</sup>Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: <sup>42</sup>“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” <sup>43</sup>He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

<sup>44</sup>‘The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet””?

<sup>45</sup>If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" <sup>46</sup>No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us*

**Dara Cleveland**

**Pastor Heidi**

**ELW 358**

**verses 1, 2 & 5**

Great God, your love has called us here  
as we, by love, for love were made.  
Your living likeness still we bear,  
though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.  
We come, with all our heart and mind  
your call to hear, your love to find.

We come with self-inflicted pains  
of broken trust and chosen wrong,  
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,  
by social forces swept along,  
by powers and systems close confined  
yet seeking hope for humankind.

Great God, in Christ you set us free  
your life to live, your joy to share.  
Give us your Spirit's liberty  
to turn from guilt and dull despair,  
and offer all that faith can do  
while love is making all things new.

**Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the  
third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is  
seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## **Prayers of the church**

### Liturgy of the Meal

*During this season of online worship, we ask you to bring your gifts and offerings to your gathering table at home in the same way as in worship in the church, before sending them on to the church.*

## **Offering**

### **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **Holy Holy Holy**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of pow'r and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
As often as you drink from this cup  
Do it in the remembrance of me.

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God

### **Communion**

*If you are communing from home, offer each other the bread with these words "The Body of Christ given for you" and the wine with "The blood of Christ shed for you."*

## Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

## Sending

### Prayer

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### Sending Hymn: *I Shall Not Be Moved*

Refrain:

I shall not be, I shall not be moved.

I shall not be, I shall not be moved;

like a tree planted by the water,

I shall not be moved.

1 When my cross is heavy, I shall not be moved,  
when my cross is heavy, I shall not be moved;  
like a tree planted by the water, I shall not be moved. [Refrain]

2 The church of God is marching, I shall not be moved,  
the church of God is marching, I shall not be moved;  
like a tree planted by the water, I shall not be moved. [Refrain]

3 Jesus is our captain, I shall not be moved,  
Jesus is our captain, I shall not be moved;  
like a tree planted by the water, I shall not be moved. [Refrain]

4 Fighting sin and Satan, I shall not be moved,  
Fighting sin and Satan, I shall not be moved;  
like a tree planted by the water, I shall not be moved. [Refrain]

Source: [This Far By Faith: an African American resource for worship #147](#)

## Blessing

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.  
God, the creator, ✝ Jesus, the Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**Amen.**

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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### Monday, October 26

Psalm 119: 41-48

Deuteronomy 6: 1-9, 20-25

James 2: 8-13

### Tuesday, October 27

Psalm 119: 41-48

Deuteronomy 10: 10-22

James 2: 14-26

### Wednesday, October 28

Psalm 119: 41-48

Proverbs 16: 1-20

Matthew 19: 16-22

### Thursday, October 29

Psalm 43

1 Samuel 2: 27-36

Romans 2: 17-29

### Friday, October 30

Psalm 43

Ezekiel 13: 1-16

2 Peter 2: 1-3

### Saturday, October 31

Psalm 43

Malachi 1: 6 – 2: 9

Matthew 23: 13-28

### Sunday, November 1

Micah 3: 5-12

Psalm 43

1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13

Matthew 23: 1-12

## **Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

We encourage our members to take appropriate steps to protect their health and prevent the spread of any illness:

- Cover your nose and mouth with tissues when you cough or sneeze and then place, don't throw, the tissue in the trash after use.
- Wash hands often and thoroughly with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer is also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth to protect yourself from infection.
- Improve your immune system by getting enough rest, exercise regularly, and eat healthy.
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