

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 25th, 2020

Theme: David wanted to build a house for God. Instead, God's permanence would exist through the house of David.

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision.

Trad. Irish Melody

Maggie Fitzpatrick: violin; Claudia Fitzpatrick: cello

*GATHERING LITANY

Today is Reformation Sunday, a day when we think about the sacrifices made and the risks taken by Martin Luther and the other reformers over 500 years ago.

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

We give thanks for living in a time and place where we experience the freedom of religious belief, gathering and expression.

Help us, O God, to strengthen our own faith, and to strengthen our acceptance of those who think differently than we do.

The differences that exist among us only prove the extravagant mosaic beauty of God's creation.

We are all children of God, creatures of a Creator that knows and loves each and every one of us.

History has proven that we are not able to predict where our journey through life may take us, only that our journey will always be filled with God's grace.

We journey together. We worship God!

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.**

OPENING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

#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!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: **Eternal God, your true dwelling place is with your people. Make of us a holy temple where you may be praised and your will carried out for the sake of all, in Jesus' name. Amen**

SPECIAL MUSIC

What a Wonderful World

Weiss/Thiele

Maggie Fitzpatrick: violin; Claudia Fitzpatrick: cello

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:1-17
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

TEMPLE TALK

GOSPEL

Luke 1:30-33
The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 1st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

SERMON HYMN

Come, Now Fount of Every Blessing

#807

**Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

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

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. Faithful God, **Hear our prayer**

We have asked and you have heard, and it is enough, O God. We thank you for answering our prayers in your good time, for the sake of Jesus our brother. **Amen.**

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 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.

BENEDICTION

Mothering God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

#654 vs. 1,3,4,5

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forever more;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, stay safe and be safe. God is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

You'll Never Walk Alone

Rodgers/Hammerstein

Maggie Fitzpatrick: violin; Claudia Fitzpatrick: cello

A special thanks to Maggie and Claudia Fitzpatrick for providing special music this morning.