



Worship for Sunday, October 24th 10:00 a.m.
Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost/Ordinary Time

Heritage/Reformation Sunday

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Our mission: Embracing the Community with God's Love, Providing a Home for Spiritual Nurture & Worship, Reaching Out to Those in Need, Growing through Service to Others

We Prepare

The Life of the Church

Prelude: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

-Lowell Mason

Lighting of the Candles

One: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

All: We welcome the light of Christ into our worship.

Sung Prayer of Preparation "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" Purple # 35
Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

***Call to Worship**

One: As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world – which some seek to control, but which others view with despair -

All: We declare with joy and trust: our world belongs to God!

One: From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until His kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever.

All: Our world belongs to Him!

One: God is King! Let the earth be glad!

All: Christ is Victor; His rule has begun! Hallelujah!

One: The Spirit is at work, renewing the creation. Praise the Lord!

***The Old Testament Saints Confess Their Faith: One God**

One: In the midst of cultures that believed in multiple gods, the Old Testament saints proclaimed the radical-sounding truth:

All: The Lord our God is one. The Lord our God is the only God!

***Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-9**

6 Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, ² so that you and your children and your children’s children may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. ³ Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶ Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷ Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸ Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹ and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

***Hymn of Praise** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” Purple # 1
v. 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

The Early Church Confesses Their Faith: Jesus is Lord

One: In the midst of the Roman Empire where one could believe anything as long as Caesar was acknowledged as Lord, the early church proclaimed the subversive truth:

All: Jesus is Lord!

Scripture Reading: Romans 10:9-13

⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

***Hymn of Praise**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Purple # 263

v. 1 All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all! Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

***Declaration of Trust and the Peace**

One: Congregation of Jesus Christ, in whom are you trusting?

All: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

One: Grace, mercy, and peace to you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: And also with you.

(Please take a moment to greet your neighbor.)

The Post-Apostolic Church Confesses Their Faith: Jesus Is God

One: In the midst of the Greco-Roman culture that tempted the church to make Jesus less than God, the post-apostolic church proclaimed the truth:

All: Jesus is God!

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in^[a] him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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

Anthem: "I'll Go and Tell the World"

- Phillips

The Reformation Church Confesses Its Faith: Alone Through Faith

One: In the midst of a church that obscured the gospel through traditionalism and institutionalism, the church proclaimed the truth:

All: **Salvation is in Christ alone through faith!**

Scripture Reading: Romans 1:16-17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith."

Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

Purple # 649

v. 1 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.

We Confess Our Faith Today: Our World Belongs to God

We Worship and Serve in the World

Alice Wiseman

Prayer for the Spirit's Work (unison)

One: Come Holy Spirit

All: **Inspire our lives with Your light and fire.**

One: Come Holy Spirit

All: **Anoint us with Your bounteous spiritual gifts.**

One: Come Holy Spirit

All: **Speak to us through Your timeless Word today. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

John 7:24

²⁴ Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

16 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ² Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵ He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Message

"Confessing Our Faith Today"

Pastor Diane Ziegler

We Respond

***Hymn of Affirmation** "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" Purple # 687

v. 1 Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

v. 6 Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

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, and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Sung Response to Prayer "Though I May Speak" Purple # 693, v. 3
*Come Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.*

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

(As the offering plates are passed this morning, you are invited to make a gift of time, talent and/or treasure. If the pew you will find cards to support our gifts of time and talent in the coming week, as well as our food ministry. Your tithes and financial gifts are also most welcome. The QR code may be used to give online. When we all take an ownership stake in the financial health of this congregation, it works!)



Offertory: "In Christ Alone"

-Melody Bober

*Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

*Prayer of Dedication/Offering (unison)

Merciful God, always out to save, friend of the suffering, foe of all who cause suffering, with these gifts we join Your greater work in the world, confident of Your final victory through Jesus Christ. Amen.

We Go

***Parting Hymn** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Purple #275
v. 1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing. Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doeth seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

v. 4 *That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth. The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also. The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.*

***Carrying the Light**

One: As we go forth to serve,

All: We carry the light of Christ into the world.

***Charge**

One: We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness, and dedicate ourselves to holy living.

All: As covenant partners, called to faithful obedience, and set free for joyful praise, we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in his world.

One: With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended, we expect the Day of the Lord.

All: And we are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness will fill the earth when Christ appears. Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you!

*** Sung Benediction** "Now Go in Joy" Purple, # 745

*Now go in joy to spread the Word till all people have heard: God embraces all!
Follow, then, the disciples' call: tend your neighbors with loving care in daily work and prayer. God's own grace empower your spirit. Amen!*

Postlude: "A Quiet Moment with "Amazing Grace"" -Mary McDonald

(Sanctuary worshippers, please be seated for the postlude.)

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