



Welcome to worship!
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World Communion Sunday
October 6, 2024
10:00 a.m.

We Prepare

Ever present God, you never leave us. Help us to stay with you when we are tempted to flee, and keep us seeking after that which is true, that all may know that you are the Lord, our God, a tenacious presence in whatever our reality. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen. (Exodus 32:1-4)

The *Prelude* offers time for us to focus on preparing our hearts and minds for worship – God is here; we need to bring ourselves to worship as God already has.

The *light of the candles* symbolizes the presence of God and Jesus as light of the world.

We Gather

The Life of the Church

Prelude

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!

* Indicates please rise in body or spirit

*** Call to Worship (responsive)**

Psalm 106:1

One: The Lord is good!

All: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

The *Call to Worship* invites us to begin worshipping God.

***Hymn of Praise** "Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation"

Purple # 503

*** Call to Confession**

Ps. 106:6, 20-21

We and our ancestors have sinned. Our ancestors exchanged the glory of God for the image of a golden calf. They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt. While our means are different, our compulsions are the same. Let us confess our brokenness, for God is merciful and just and will forgive us our sin.

***Prayer of Confession** (unison) Exodus 32:1; 20:2

Holy God, you are the Lord our God, who brought us out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

And yet, our trust in you is fragile, easily crushed by our indifference, and our forgetful dismissal of your faithfulness.

No one is perfect. God knows that. God asks us to admit our faults. We do this using the *Prayer of Confession*. *Silent Confession* is a time to tell God anything else you are sorry for.

Our trust is fragile, easily broken by the slightest pause—an answer to prayer not instantly given, a request for peace not immediately felt.

Our trust is fragile, easily displaced by gods of our own making—the god of self-sufficiency, chased at any cost; the god of illusion, pursued in any form.

Lord, have mercy on us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon** (responsive)

Psalm 106:23

One: Beloved, hear the good news: Jesus Christ came to stand in the breach to reconcile us to God. We are forgiven and freed!

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***Sung Response**

"Gloria Patri"

Red # 622

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; World without end. Amen. Amen.

***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.

(As we have received peace from Christ, let us also pass that peace to each other.)

We Hear the Word

Sung Preparation for the Word “The Bible Tells Us Stories” Pew Insert
The Bible tells us stories About our God above, And prophets told in days of old The story of God’s love. Then Jesus brings his peace with him And shows us how to live. So listen to the stories for The lessons that they give.

In the *Prayer for Illumination*, we ask the Holy Spirit to help us understand God’s Word. “Illumination” means “turning the lights on”.

Choral Anthem “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Prayer for Illumination (unison)
Holy Spirit of God, shine your light upon this Word and into our hearts that we may be enlightened with fresh understanding. Amen.

Scripture Reading Luke 23:34

Scripture is God’s Word to us. We listen carefully and study God’s word.

Scripture Reading Exodus 32:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message “Liberation, Formation, Restoration” Rev. Diane Ziegler

We Respond

Hymn of Affirmation “Let Us Build A House” Purple # 301 v. 1, 3, 5

***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.

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer Jesus taught us.

Prayers of the People

Sung Response to Prayer

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Purple # 735

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford. I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee! O bless me now, my Savior-I come to thee.

Doxology means "to give God glory."

We pray God will use our gifts for God's work through us and others in the *Prayer of Dedication*.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God Phil. 4:6-7

Do not worry about anything, but in everything let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. In the assurance of this promise, let us confidently offer ourselves to God, knowing that God has already provided all we need.

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication/Offering (unison)

Isaiah 25:4

Creator God, you are our provider. We offer all that we have and all that we are to you, because we belong to you. Bless these gifts and empower us, your church, that through the work of your Spirit we may be a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm, and a shade from the heat. Through Christ, our shield and our stronghold. Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

Holy Communion is the sign and seal of our communion with the crucified and risen Lord.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Story of the Supper and the Words of Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: O living God, For your blessing in creation, for your image deep within us, for your life in all its fullness.

All: We give you thanks.

One: O Jesus our brother, For your coming to earth, calling of us as your friends, for your sharing of our life and death,

All: We give you thanks.

One: O Spirit of grace and truth, For revealing yourself in community, healing us in our brokenness and inspiring us with courage to share,

All: We give you thanks.

One: O Trinity of love, For the promise of a spreading tree giving shade and protection, for the vision of a body in which each part works for the health of the whole, for the invitation to a feast where the despised will be guests of honor,

All: We give you thanks.

One: God of justice and peace, you stand with those who are poor. Now, in prayers spoken and unspoken, we call upon you for those who suffer the injustice of violence and want . . . for those who carry heavy burdens . . . for those we love and those who love us . . . Where shall we go from your spirit, and how could we be away from your presence? If darkness covers us and night closes in on us, you are there. For the night is not dark for you but luminous as the day, and the two are one to you.

All: Where shall we go from your spirit? Your presence is there, and here, and everywhere.

One: Spirit of the living God, present with us now, breathe in us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that sharing your blessing and your broken life we may share in your continual presence and reality, and together, as your body, remain in your love. In the name of Christ who taught us to pray . . .

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.**

*The Lord's
Prayer is the
prayer Jesus
taught us.*

Distribution of the Elements

Look. Here is your Lord, coming to you in bread and wine. The gifts of God for the people of God.

Prayer After Communion (unison)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living

members of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

We Are Sent

***Parting Hymn** “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning” Purple # 350 v. 1, 4

***Charge**

***Carrying the Light**

One: As we go forth to serve,

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

***Benediction**

*** Sung Benediction** “May the Song of Hope Go With Us” Purple # 765

May the song of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that’s new, faithful when we hear Christ’s call.

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

Announcements and Information

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

Welcome to those Visiting Today!

We are a Reformed liturgical worshipping congregation. Liturgy means “the work of the people.” Through our spoken word, prayers, and singing, we worship God. Our pastor is Rev. Diane Ziegler. Sally Smallwood is our Ministry Coordinator. Adina Taylor is our accompanist, and Declan Peterson our Choir Director. Phil Rogers is our Sexton.

For parents with children, we offer Sunday morning classes for children through the 3rd grade.

- Infants through pre-school age children are warmly invited to their classroom at the far end of the hallway, where they will engage in a lesson using Godly Play.
- Children Kindergarten through 3rd grade are warmly invited to their classroom, located next to the fellowship hall. This class uses Narrative Lectionary curriculum, learning about the same stories read in worship.
- Fourth through sixth grade youth, and any children wishing to remain in the sanctuary, are invited to engage with a worship bag, located on the book shelves behind the center pews.

We invite you to join us for a brief time of fellowship following worship! Today is a lunch prepared by our Deacons. Please consider making a donation toward the cost of the meal.

This morning, we celebrate the **Sacrament of Communion**. The bread is gluten free. The cup is grape juice. Please partake of the bread as you receive it and hold the cup for us to take together. All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Prayer Concerns - Jordan Bodecker, Bonnie (Al Sawyer's sister), the McNulty Family, Ed Tell, Family of Marvin Shelby, Family and friends of Amy Stone, Dan Stout, Christina Miller, Bill Wiseman, Kathy Beleny, Leslie Clements, Bently, Loy and Ed Boncek, the community of Springfield, those who are sick and their caregivers, those who hunger, those recovering from storms, those grieving, those having relationship struggles, PEACE.

Suggestion for at home this week

- Practice daily confession.
- Look at the newspaper, magazines, or other sources. What are examples of things that keep you from worshiping God or interfere with worship? What are some examples of things that lead you to worship?

Looking Ahead

- **Office hours** for the week of October 7th are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 – 2.
- **Open Sanctuary** times beginning in October will be Wednesdays from 12-1 and Sundays from 12-1.
- New study starting! Have you ever wanted to read the Bible from cover to cover? Join us the **Community Bible Experience** on Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. Bethany Stewart will be leading this study.

- **Hayride and potluck meal** at Fehl's house Saturday, October 19th at 5:00 p.m. (Rain date of Saturday, October 26th). There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall with more information. Please bring a dish to share. For more information see Jo.
- **Diane will be on Continuing Education** leave from October 13 until October 26. She will be leading worship on Sunday, October 27th (Reformation Sunday). *If you need assistance, please contact the office or a Ruling Elder currently serving on Session (Betty Blose, Larry White, Glen Janus, Mike Seiler, Stephen Bilen).*
- **Worship on October 13 and October 20** will be led by the Monday night Bible study group. Thanks to this team of leaders and for their preparation and service.
- **Sunday, October 27th is Reformation Sunday!** Come and hear about the gift of the Reformed and Always Reforming church that we are a part of!
- **Blessing of the Pets Sunday, October 27th** from noon until 3 p.m.
- Advent is coming! We will be ordering **Advent devotional books** and preparing **Advent worship kits** on a request basis. A general prayer devotional will be made available to the entire congregation. Study book and worship kits will be ordered/prepared only for those who request them. Sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Giving

- **Online/Credit Card Giving:** Access by using the QR code to the right or make a credit card donation using the Clover machine located in the sanctuary.
- **Stewardship cards** are located in the pew racks. These cards provide you with a way to name the ways you will love and serve God and others in the coming week. We invite you to fill out a card and place it in the offering plate, if you would like to do so. This is a great way to name and plan for your gifts of time and talent in the week ahead!



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