

*FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*



**22nd Sunday after Pentecost  
Reformation / Heritage Sunday  
with Communion  
Sunday, October 29, 2023  
10:00 A.M.**

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE**      “Built on a Rock”      David Lasky

**WELCOME**      Liturgist

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**CALL TO WORSHIP**      Liturgist

God is our refuge and strength:

**we will not fear.**

Though the earth shakes,

**we will not fear.**

Though the waters swirl around us,

**we will not fear.**

Though the nations rise and fight,

**we will not fear.**

God is our help in the time of trouble:

**we will not fear.**

\***HYMN**    #457      ‘I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art’

**CALL TO CONFESSION**      Rev. Norlita Kaul

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**      Rev. Norlita Kaul

**God of the ages, you have been faithful to us, but we have not been faithful to you. You have established covenants with us, but we have not upheld our part. We have distorted your word for our own gain. We have claimed you as exclusively ours. We have focused on power more than discipleship. We beg your forgiveness. Reform us again and make us into the image of your true church. (*Silent Reflection*)**



## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN** #210 'Our God, Our Help In Ages Past'

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**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 on 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**

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" arr. Evelyn Morrison

#### **\*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.**

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Norlita Kaul

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### 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 our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy...

...and place who forever sign to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,...

....that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

### 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.**

## SHARING OF THE MEAL

(Please **hold the bread** until everyone has been served;  
Rev. Norlita will lead us in partaking, everyone together.  
Please follow **the same** process **with the cup**)

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, 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, grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN (insert)** 'Our God, We Are a Church Reformed'

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** 'Ein Feste Burg ist Unser Gott'

Johann Pachelbel

**Serving:**

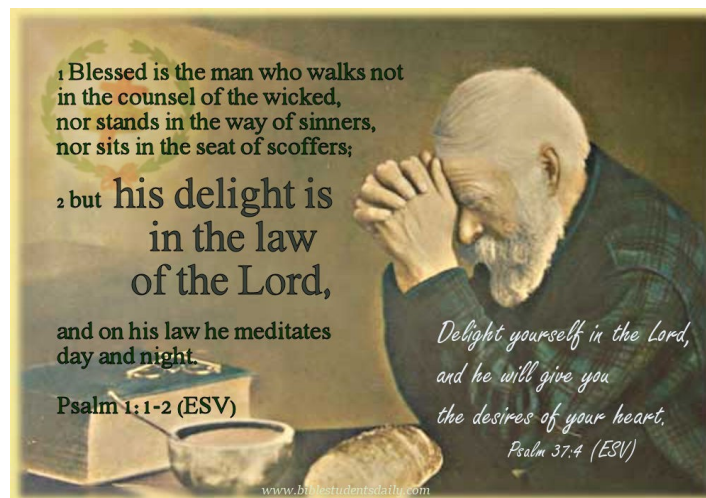
**LITURGIST-** Sandy Zimmerman

**USHERS-Team 5-** Ron Schultz, Beth Schultz, & Kahlil Walker

**COUNTERS-Team 5-** Volunteers

**FLOWERS-** Rev. Norlita Kaul

**FELLOWSHIP -** Anne Sheppard



**Our God, We Are a Church Reformed**  
AZMOM 8.6.8.6 (“O For a Thousand Tongues Sing”)

Our God, we are a church reformed,  
A church reforming still:  
We long to grow in your true Word,  
An follow more your will.

How awesome is your sovereign rule;  
You reign from heav’n above.  
Yet you knelt down in Jesus Christ,  
In sacrificial love.

In love, you bring your people here  
And call your church to you,  
That we may know salvation’s joy  
And serve in all we do.

You call us to community;  
By faith our hearts are stirred.  
In church, we seek an ordered life,  
According to your word.

As faithful stewards we find joy;  
We need no rich display.  
Lord, teach us all to use with care  
The gifts you give each day.

The world makes gods of lesser things,  
And wrongly uses power;  
So by your spirit may we work  
For justice every hour.

# **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God:**

## **A Litany for Reformation Sunday**

Leader:

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**People:**

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

*All Sing:*

*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 doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.*

Leader:

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**People:**

**God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

*All Sing:*

*Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is he,  
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.*



Leader:

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
God speaks and the earth melts.

**People:**

**The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Leader:

Come, behold the works of the Lord!

**People:**

**God makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
God breaks the bow, shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.**

*All Sing:*

*And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure,  
one little word shall fell him.*

Leader:

Be still, and know that the Lord is God!

**People:**

**God is exalted among the nations;  
God is exalted in the earth.**

Leader:

The Lord of hosts is with us;

**People:**

**The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

*All Sing:*

*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.*

### Session Members

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