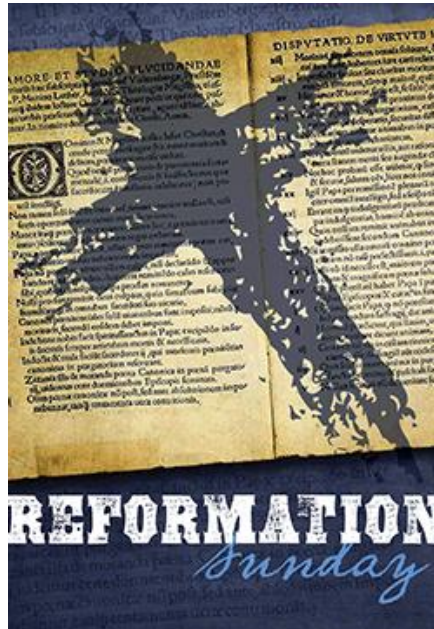


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The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

We welcome all who worship with us today.

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby.

If you are interested in joining our family of faith,
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

Children are welcome and celebrated!

The “Children’s Ministry” table and basket in the lobby
contains a variety of items for children’s use during worship.
Stop by to borrow a book or pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent
to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive.

Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Music

Grace Like Rain
Spirit of Praise

Agnew et al.

Welcome and Announcements

We rise in body or spirit.

Gathering Dialog

Here we stand at the font;
we are your children, washed and forgiven

Here we stand, Lord;
celebrating a love that's unearned and unconditional.



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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.

We pray.

Here we stand, Lord, the people you have saved.

Here we stand, Lord, giving thanks to you for you are good.

**Here we stand knowing that it is you we all can cry out to for help
in times of trouble.**

Here we stand by the living water that you set flowing for all.

**Here we stand with those who reformed the church so long ago,
and with those who still are reforming the church today.**

Here we stand witnesses to your good news for all.

Here we stand your servants, your followers, your children.

Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.

Reading Romans 3:19-28

Translation: NRSVue

A reading from Romans.

Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith.

He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law?
That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. For we hold that a person is
justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

We rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

Gospel John 8:31-36

Translation: NRSVue

The Good News from John, the 8th chapter.

Open our hearts, Lord.

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him,
“If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples,
and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”
They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham
and have never been slaves to anyone.
What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you,
everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. T
he slave does not have a permanent place in the household;
the son has a place there forever.
So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

This is the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Pastor Cindy Camp

We rise in body or spirit.



1 For by grace you have been saved and e - ven faith is not your
 2 "So my grace is all - suf - fi - cient for each child who is my
 3 So this weak - ness with con - tent - ment I'll ac - cept now in my -



own, it's the gift of God for you and not the works that you have
 own, for my strength is now made per - fect for each child who is my
 self, all my hard - ships, pains, and griefs that still lie deep with - in my -



done. Don't let an - y - bod - y boast, for this is
 own. When you're weak, then you are strong, for this is
 self. When I'm weak, then I am strong, for this is



God's great gift. A - men.
 God's great gift." A - men.
 God's great gift. A - men. A - men.

Litany of Commitment for Reformation

By your holy word, you sent forth your Son to bring us salvation through the cross of death and resurrection. By your holy word, you have called us together to be a Church of love and service in the world.

By your holy word, we know that we live in grace and hope.

Keep us ever close to your word, that it might be written upon our hearts.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Help us to grow in faith and love toward you,
so that we might always live in trust and hope.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Center us in routines that keep us close to you, O Lord.

Center us in weekly worship.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Center us in daily prayer and in knowledge of holy scriptures.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Center us in the mission of the church.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

By your word, O Lord, you guide our lives, forgive our sins, inspire our thoughts,
shape our attitudes, lighten our darkness, give us eternal hope,
and fill our hearts with joy.

You assure us of your constant presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer:

Renewed in God's everlasting grace,
let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

After each petition:

Come Holy Spirit,
re-form and renew us.

Pastor's closing prayer:

We offer our prayers, O God,
trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying,
"Peace be with you."*

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*During the Musical Offering, the gifts will be brought forward. You may remain seated.
If you wish you may leave your offering in the additional offering plates located on the
tables in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.*

Musical Offering

Reformation Song
Spirit of Praise

Chester & Kauflin

Offering Prayer

We pray.
God of overflowing abundance,
receive the fruits of our labor.
Receive also the gift of our humble thanks,
and keep our hearts safe in your Spirit.
Amen

We rise in body or spirit.

Great Thanksgiving

Here we stand at the table;
we are people fed and nourished by you.

Here we stand, Lord;
**celebrating new life, re-formed life, a faith-filled life,
called to lives of service and love. Amen**

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth,
made us in your image, and kept covenant with us - even when we fell into sin.
We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who by his life, death and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

On this Reformation Sunday, we praise you for living in us now by your Spirit,
and we pray that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

**May we and all your saints be united with Christ
and remain faithful in hope and love.**

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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**

Invitation to the table

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.
Come to this meal of mercy.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of Communion

Communion Song

Amazing Grace

ELW 779



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right be -



side me, and noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.



Please be near me to the end.



2 I will not for-get your love for me, and yet my heart for - ev - er is



wan-der-ing. Je-sus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and



I will love you to the end.

1 By grace we have been saved through faith and
 2 For all have sinned and fall - en short. God's
 3 God gave to earth a per - fect love through
 4 We know the wage of sin is death; thank
 5 Set free, we now have peace with God. Sal -

not by keep - ing law. God's saints be - lieved by
 plan, not one o - beyed. Christ has for all ful -
 Je - sus on the cross. While we were foes, Christ
 God, we shall re - vive. For just as Je - sus
 va - tion is se - cured. How beau - ti - ful the

what they heard and not by what they saw.
 filled the law. Be - lieve, con - fess, be saved.
 died for us. We gained by God's own loss.
 rose a - gain, we too are made a - live.
 feet of those who share this gos - pel word.

Refrain

Oh, how I love Je - sus! Oh, how I love Je - sus!

Oh, how I love Je - sus, be - cause he first loved me!

We rise in body or spirit.

Prayer after communion

We pray.

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you,

who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen

Sending Song

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

ELW 857

Sing 2 times

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff contains the first two lines of the song. The second staff contains the next two lines. The third staff contains the next two lines. The fourth staff contains the next two lines. The fifth staff contains the final line of the song.

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.

I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth

to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,

from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ has made you free!
We are free indeed!



Pease join in supporting our church's ministries using your preferred method of giving:

- Enroll in our on-line giving program, Simply Giving (recommended);
- Mail your offering check to the church;
- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
- Download our mobile app for recurring or one-time gifts;
- Establish automatic contributions to the church using your bank's bill pay service.

Additional information is located in the Stewardship section of the church's website at:
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