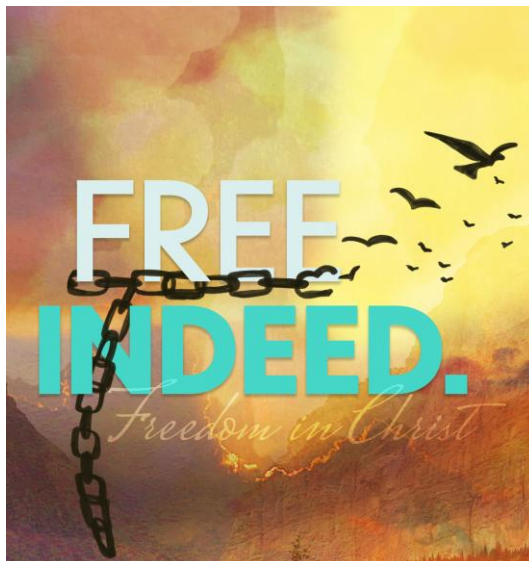


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Reformation Sunday
October 25, 2026
10:45 am

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

How Great Is Our God / A Mighty Fortress

Turnquist

Welcome and Announcements

Please rise in body or spirit.

Gathering Litany

We give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit
whose light brought new understanding of
both the Living Word and the written Scripture.

We give thanks for the reminder of God's grace and mercy

We give thanks for the inspiration that led to the printing press,
enabling the spread of information
and the sharing of the gospel in many languages.

**We thank God for the technologies that can be used for good
for the support of communities and individuals.**

We give thanks for open hearts that were prepared to hear
and receive the good news of freedom in Christ.

**We give thanks for our freedom in God,
to share that same news of salvation through your grace and Christ's
faithfulness.**

We remember the lives that were lost in the struggle to reform the church on earth – those who were martyred, those who died fighting, those who perished in hiding, and who were killed on all sides.

We remember the lives that have been lost throughout history in the name of religion and for those who die today for daring to believe.

We give thanks for the instruction that comes through our church heritage – the catechisms, the understanding of the saints, the gift of community, and a deeper appreciation of God's gift of Holy Communion and Holy Baptism.

We thank you for the presence of Jesus – in us, with us, and for us – and for the support of the Holy Spirit, ever-reforming us.

God of stability and change, we thank you that true reformation is always your work and always being done in us out of your love for your whole creation.

We are ever reformed by the work of your love.

We are ever reformed by the work of God's love.

Gathering Hymn

Here I Am to Worship

Hughes

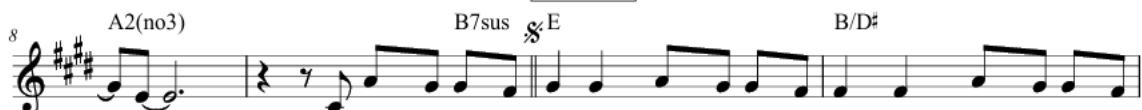


1. Light of the world, You stepped down in-to dark-ness, o-pened my eyes, let me
2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo-rious in heav - en a -



see. Beau-ty that made this heart a - dore You, hope of a life spent with
- bove. Hum-bly You came to the earth You cre-a - ted, all for love's sake be - came

CHORUS

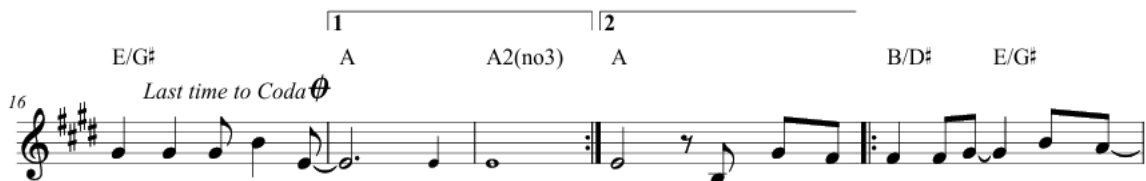


You. So, here I am to wor-ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to
poor.



say that You're my God. And You're al-to-geth-er love-ly, al-to-geth-er wor-thy, al-to-geth-er

BRIDGE



won-der-ful to me. And I'll nev - er know how much



it cost to see my sin up-on that cross. And I'll nev that cross.

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.

Hymn of Praise

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

ELW 857

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff contains the first two lines of the hymn. 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 hymn, which ends with a double bar line.

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.

Prayer of the Day

We pray. Holy God,
Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church.
Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it;
where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it;
where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it;
where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

1st Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

Translation: NRSVue

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah:

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

A reading from Paul's letter to the 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!

Please rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation



The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord

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. The 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.”

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Pastor Shari Duminy

Please rise in body or spirit.



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
 vour 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 - duces him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Presentation

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these siblings, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

A representative of the congregation presents the confirmands.

I present, Story, Asher, Alexis, Maxwell, Delaney, Gabriella, Alyssa, Bennett and Evelyn, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

We pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith.

Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new life. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

Profession of Faith

The minister addresses the confirmands.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you acknowledge there is evil in this world which tries to overcome God's good work?

Confirmands: Yes, there is evil.

Do you try to resist this evil and hope to do God's work?

Confirmands: Yes, I try to let good overcome evil.

Do you strive to follow Christ's teachings of loving and serving others?

Confirmands: Yes, I hope to love my neighbors as myself.

The minister addresses the whole assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Affirmation of Baptism in the Presence of the Assembly

*Parents, grandparents and godparents may join the confirmands at the altar.
The presiding minister addresses the confirmands.*

You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you hope to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands respond: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these siblings
and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Signing with the Cross

You have heard the holy and saving gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now receive the sign of the gospel, the sign given to you in baptism, on your body and in your heart, that you may know the Lord and the power of his resurrection.

A parent or godparent traces a cross on the confirmands forehead and hands, as it is named.

Receive the + cross on your forehead, a sign of God's endless love and mercy for you. Learn to know and to follow Christ.

Receive the + cross on your hands, that God's mercy may be known in your work.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, God,
that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth,
cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. **Amen**

The minister and others may lay hands on the head of the confirmand.

Stir up in [NAME] the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence,
both now and forever. **Amen**

Welcome

The confirmands face the assembly.

Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer:

God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. You brought forth the mountains. You formed the earth and from everlasting to everlasting you are God. We are your grateful people and we are bold to come before you with our worries, with our hopes, with our dreams, knowing you hear the prayers of your faithful children.

After each petition:

God you are faithful,
reform us by your Spirit.

Pastor's closing prayer:

God, you hear us when we pray, reform your people and guide our ways.
From everlasting to everlasting, you are God. **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

Our Refuge and Strength
Spirit Voices

Martin

Offering Prayer

We pray. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you
and in love to our neighbors, today and always.
Amen.

Please rise in body or spirit.

Great Thanksgiving

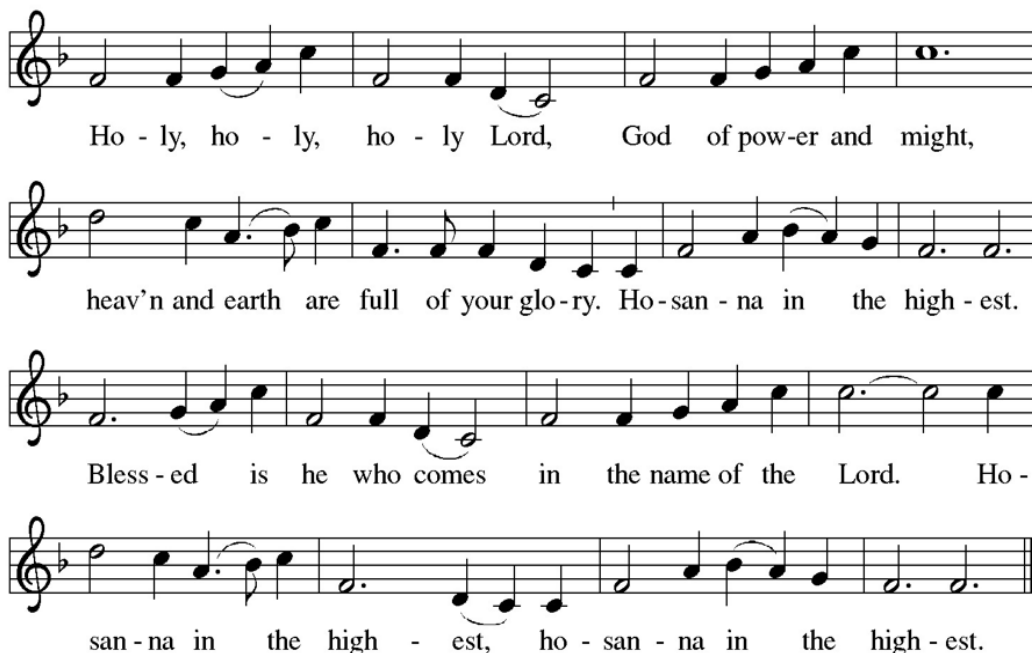
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

With those whose hearts are broken,
and those who long for your days of peace,
we sing our thanksgiving to you:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

Pour out your Spirit upon the gifts of this Table,
and upon the gathered people who seek to be your faithful people.
The bread symbolizes that Life, though given, which can reshape our brokenness into
the peace which a warring world needs, the hope which can bring healing to others.
The cup which is filled with your grace can strengthen us to be new people,
who go forth to speak truth to power, who bring freedom to all the oppressed.

Lord's Prayer

We 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.**

Agnus Dei



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Invitation to the Table

God sets a table with room enough for all. It is at this table where we are fed and nourished. It is at this table where strangers become neighbors and even become family.

Come to the table.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of Communion

Communion Hymn

Here Is Bread

ELW 483

VERSE

C G/B Am E7 F/A C/G G F/A Am G/B

1. Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, He is with us.
 2. Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, He is with us.
 3. Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, He is with us.

C G/B Am E7 F/A C/G G C Fm/C C Gm7 Bb/C

5 Break the bread, drink the wine, Christ is with us here. here.
 Know His grace, find His peace, feast on Je - sus fied.
 We'll pro - claim, 'til He comes, Je - sus cru - ci

CHORUS

Fmaj7 F6 Em7 Am7 Dm7 Gm7 Bb/C C Bb/D C/E Fmaj7 F#dim

In this bread there is heal-ing, in this cup there's life for-ev - er. In this mo-ment,

Em7 Aaug7 Dm7 G7 C D.C. C

15 by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here. here.

Communion Hymn

One Bread, One Body

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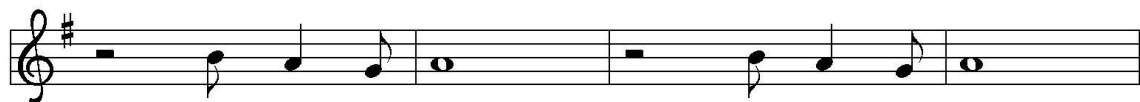
One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or	Jew,	ser - vant	or	free,
2	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	works,
3	Grain for	the	fields,	scat - tered	and	grown,



wom - an	or	man,	no	more.
one in	the	Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to	one	for	all.

Refrain



- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n-ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Please rise in body or spirit.

Prayer after Communion

We pray.

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

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

Blessing

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the
interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn *Please see next page.*

Dismissal

Go out in joy.

Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

Prelude in C Major

Bach

A special thank you to Jonah N. for sharing his musical talents with us today.

My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.

My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;

let ev - 'ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise

to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the

sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;

for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.

Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

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- Mail your offering check to the church;
- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
- Download our mobile app for recurring or one-time gifts;
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