

WELCOME!

We are glad to welcome you today as we gather together to worship God!

Please be sure you complete the salmon sheet inside your bulletin and turn it in to the collection plate at the time of communion.

This bulletin will assist you with participating in worship.

All parts spoken by the congregation are listed in
bold print and preceded by "C:"

There are also instructions printed in *italics* that will indicate other helpful descriptions of the service.
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*We are committed to **invite** and **welcome** all to Jesus Christ,
to **equip** all with an active faith that works in real life,
and together go into the world to **serve** in Jesus' name.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Andante Cantabile*

by Charles-Marie Widor

The prelude is by French organist and composer Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937). Though he is now most famous for the "Toccata" from his fifth organ symphony, he wrote hundreds of compositions, including chamber works, operas, and ballets.

Please stand

INVOCATION, CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

[Silence for reflection and self-examination]

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN 504 "A Mighty Fortress" vs. 1, 2, 4



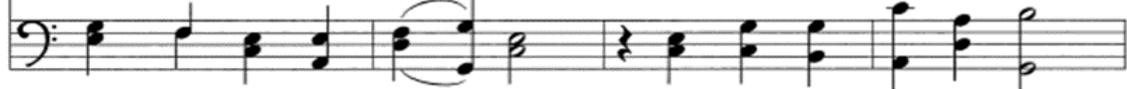
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



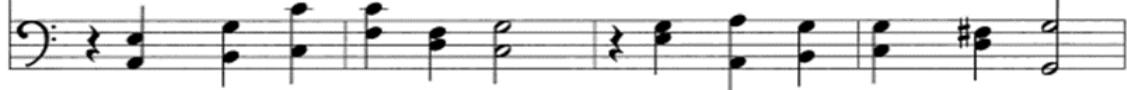
1 to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 2 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 4 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



1 wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 2 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 4 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



1 has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 2 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 4 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



1 he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 2 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 4 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

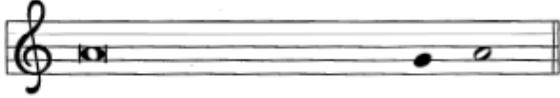


APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



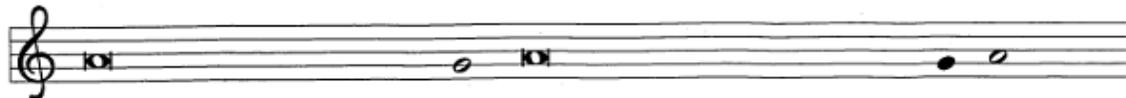
All: Lord, have mer - cy.



Pastor: For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



All: Lord, have mer - cy.



Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



All: Lord, have mer - cy.



Pastor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. *All:* Lord have mer - cy.



Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. *All:* A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST



Pastor: This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



All: 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

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.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

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 being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in 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 show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to the 8th chapter of John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

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. 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

ANTHEM:

Men's Chorale, 8:15am

"Gloria"

by Franz Schubert

Chancel Choir, 11am

"With a Voice of Singing"

by Martin Shaw

SERMON

Pastor Seth Jersild

HYMN 480 "O Bread of Life from Heaven"

1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims
2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er
3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den

giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed
stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come
splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,

The image shows a musical score for Hymn 480. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system contains three lines of lyrics. The second system contains two lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -
 now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and
 let the veil be riv - en, and our clear eye in

plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.
 flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.
 heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

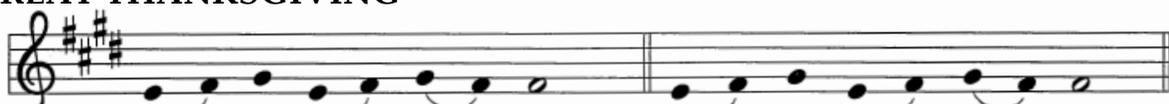
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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.

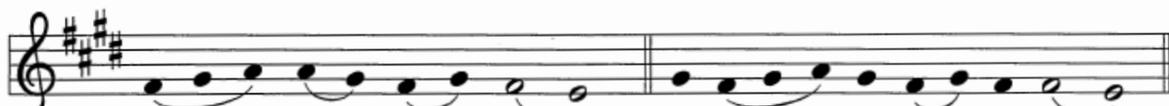
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: P: ...Lord in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

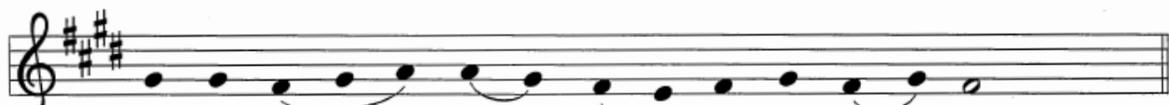
GREAT THANKSGIVING



Pastor: The Lord be with you. *All:* And al - so with you.



Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *All:* We lift them to the Lord.



Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...

... we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

HOLY HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

- ◆ *Persons who know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and believe in his real presence in the sacrament are invited to commune.*
- ◆ *Grape juice is available in the center of the tray.*
- ◆ *Adults who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Please indicate you desire a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.*
- ◆ *Children not yet communing may come forward with an adult to receive a blessing.*
- ◆ *If you are not able to come forward to receive communion, please let the pastor know by raising your hand as he/she scans the congregation. The pastor will come to you.*

BLESSING, PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

HYMN 652 "Built on a Rock"

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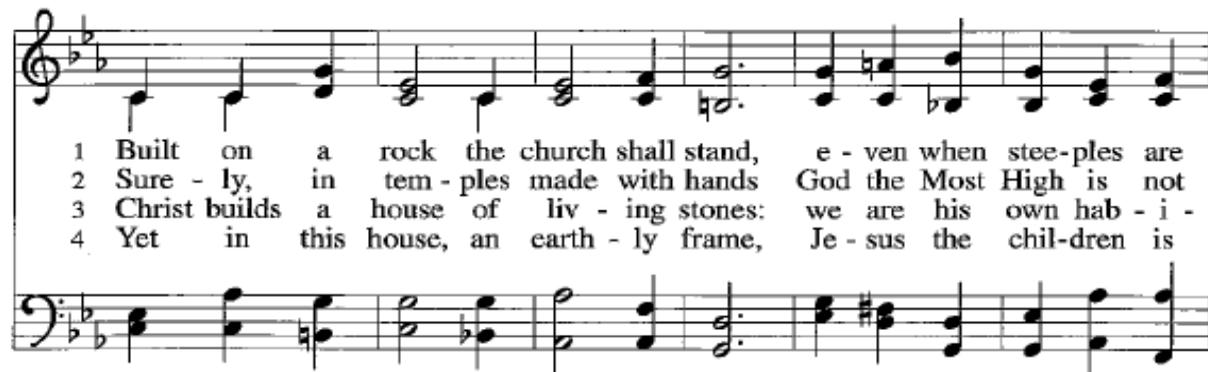
P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

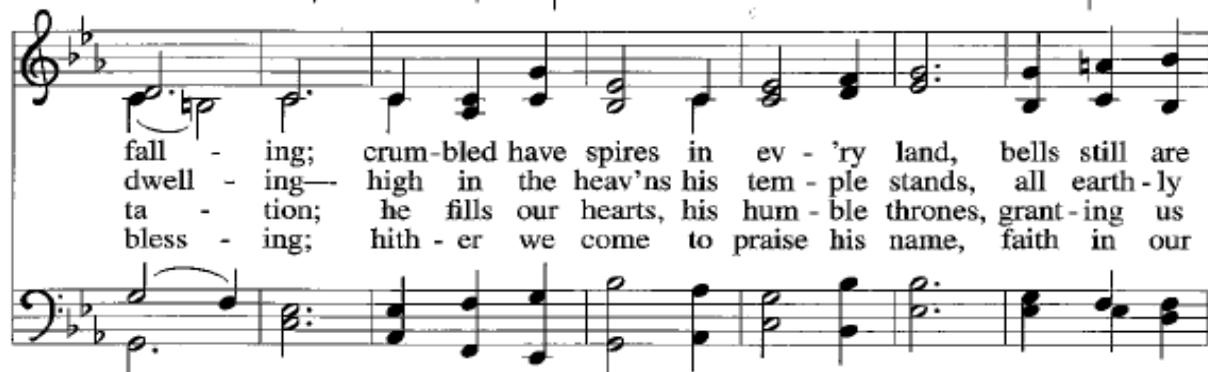
POSTLUDE: A Mighty Fortress

arr. by Gordon Young

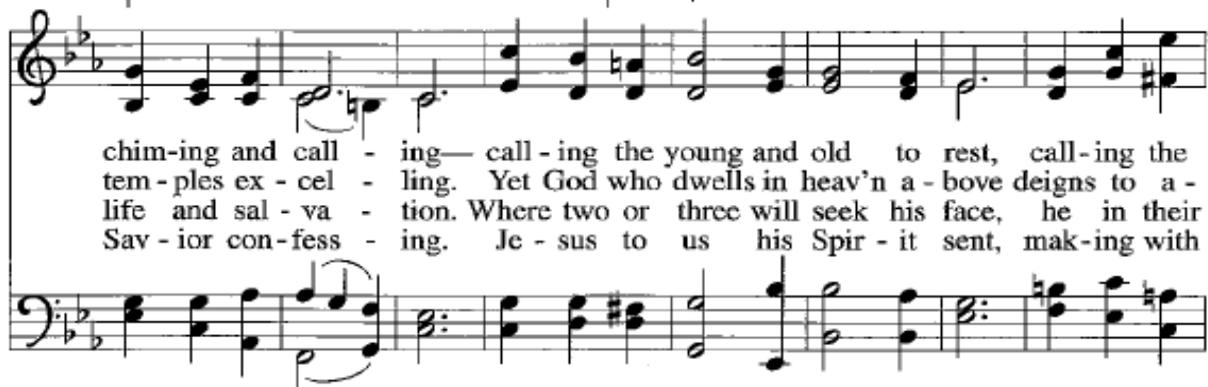
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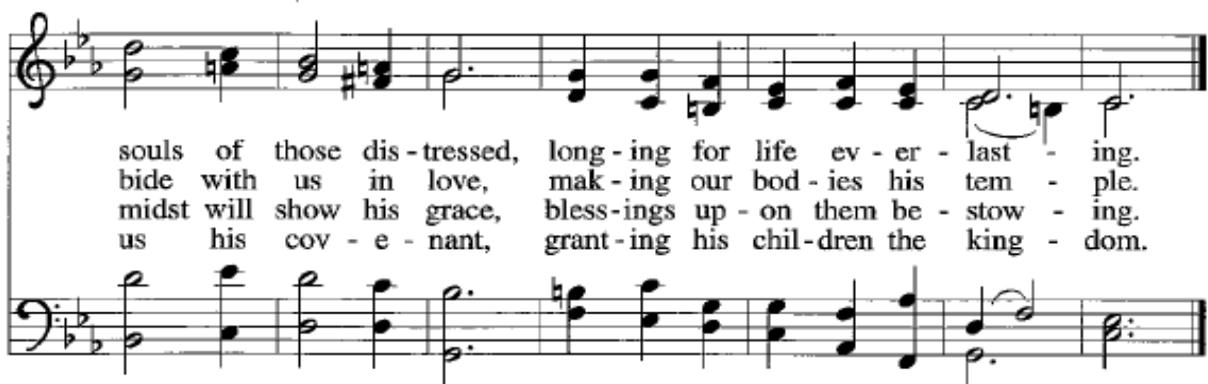
1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

Our Refuge and Strength

Find the 45 **bold** words from Psalm 46 (ESV)

E W I K A T G G H C N T V Z A
P L E H I R H J L M W E U U U
H R M O R N I N G A R K H G F
H O E C T E G V N O D A I W J
E D L S R W F D E F C M G R W
A A T Y E L B U O R T I H E G
R T S O M N H R G M V D T W U
T R V K B A T T O E S S A Y L
H L A B L R G U S R E T T U D
O B D E E G N I L L E W S E A
U O S S F T E L O R D T C R W
G C S M A E R T S N O I T A N
H A B I T A T I O N O L Y O S
Q J N O S T S O H V D F Q R T
A S P M D O W E Q R Z S U B N

God is our **refuge** and **strength**, a very **present help** in **trouble**. Therefore we will **not fear** though the **earth gives** way, though the **mountains** be moved into the **heart** of the **sea**, though its **waters roar** and **foam**, **though** the mountains **tremble** at its **swelling**. **Selah** There is a **river** whose **streams make glad** the **city** of God, the **holy habitation** of the **Most High**. God is in the **midst** of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her **when morning dawns**. The **nations rage**, the **kingdoms totter**; he **utters his voice**, the earth **melts**. The **LORD of hosts** is with us; the God of **Jacob** is our **fortress**.

Selah

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Reformation Sunday- October 30, 2022

“For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.”

-Romans 3:28-

Try as we might to live according to God’s will and ways, we all fall hopelessly short, “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (v. 23). No matter how well we think we might be doing, all our “righteous” deeds amount to “rubbish” (Phil. 3:8) in light of God’s holy perfection and in light of our ability to somehow earn or deserve salvation.

Our loving God knew full well our inability to perfectly follow his law which, Paul states, serves to make us aware of our sin (see v. 20) but is impotent to help us overcome that sin (see Rom. 8:3). So, God, unwilling to cast us aside because of our sinfulness that created enmity with him, provided another way to restore us to right relationship with him.

And this, God’s other way, is scandalously Good News! God did for us what we can never do for ourselves, no matter how hard we try. And the price he willingly paid, the tremendous suffering he experienced on the cross reveals, like nothing else, his immense love for us that is so great we cannot fully fathom it (see Eph. 3:18-19).

1 John 4:10 describes how God acted on our behalf because he loves us, not because of anything we ourselves do or did, “In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins” (italics mine).

Yes, Scripture says that at just the right time in history, in his perfect timing, “God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons” (Gal. 4:4-5).

Adopted, beloved children of our heavenly Father, “holy and blameless in his sight” (Eph. 1:4, NIV), this is who we are. This is our true identity, not because of what we have done, but because of what God has done and continues to do for us as we walk with him. This is God’s loving heart toward us and his gift to us that we simply receive by faith and then learn to walk in to greater and greater degrees until that great day when we finally meet him face to face.