

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day October 29, 2017  
 REFORMATION SUNDAY

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Hymn for Sarah - Amazing Grace* Arr. Ron Anderson  
 Westminster Handbell Choir

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds.

People: **Renew them in our day; in our time make them known.**

Leader: God's glory covers the heavens and his praise fills the earth.

People: **His splendor is like the sunrise; rays flashed from his hand,  
 where his power is hidden.** Habakkuk 3:2-4

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: **The Lord's name be praised!**

\*Hymn: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* #275

\*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**God of our Fathers, you have raised up brave and able servants to reform the church. We confess that we have lost our way again, and need new reformation. We are content with easy religion, with too many resources and too little charity; we cultivate indifference. Lord, let your word shake us up, and may your Spirit renew us, so that we may repent, have a stronger faith, and never shrink from sacrifice, in the name of Jesus Christ our only Lord and Savior. Amen.**

Time for Personal Confession

Response: *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* #610  
 verses 1 and 5

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,

People: **That whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

Leader: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,

People: **But to save the world through him.** John 3:16-17

Leader: This is the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri: *Glory Be to the Father* #581

**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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:

Offertory: *Our Hymn of Grateful Praise* "Dix" and "Royal Oak"  
 Westminster Handbell Choir Arr. Michael Helman

\*Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #606  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

**Startle us, O God, with your truth, and open our hearts and minds to your Word, that hearing we might believe, and believing, live in the love you have shown us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Psalter: **Psalm 130** #424  
*Out of the Depths*

Scripture Reading: **Ephesians 2:1-10**

Anthem: *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* #385  
 R.J. Abrarpour, Zach Worley, Bethany Terral, trumpets  
 Congregation please join in singing verses 1, 2, and 5

Verse 5: To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heaven and earth adore,  
 From men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore

Time for Young Disciples

(Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities.)

\*Hymn: *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* #624

Scripture Reading: **Romans 1:16-17**

Sermon: **A Life Transformed by Faith** Steve Newton

Prayers of the People

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.**

\*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' 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 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.**

\*Hymn: *I'll Praise My Maker* #806

Congregational Meeting

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response: *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

Postlude: *Ein feste Burg: A Mighty Fortress* Barbara Harbach

\*Please stand if you are able

WORSHIP NOTES

This week we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses on the castle church door in Wittenberg. Though the Protestant Reformation did not begin with this act, the printing of these theses into German was the event that turned an ember into a forest fire. Today all our hymns come from the Reformation. We will all recognize **Martin Luther's** great hymn, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, (1529) which is Luther's paraphrase of Psalm 46. Luther not only wrote the hymn, but also the music that accompanies the hymn.

The response before the Assurance of Pardon, *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*, (1739) was written by **Charles Wesley** on the anniversary of his spiritual conversion in 1740. We will be singing 2 of the original 18 verses of the hymn. Charles was the brother of John Wesley, the father of modern Methodism.

Our Psalter, *Out of the Depths* is a versification of **Psalm 130** by **Martin Luther**. Four stanzas of this Psalm were in circulation in 1523 and published in 1524. Our Hymnbook sets this Psalm to the tune AUS TIEFER NOT which is also attributed to Luther. But who better to write the harmonization than Johann Sebastian Bach?

Our second hymn, *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*, was first published under the leadership of **John Calvin** in the 1554 French Psalter in Strasbourg, Switzerland. Though it cannot be proven, tradition attributes its authorship to Calvin. The tune TOULON is adapted from Genevan 124 in the Genevan Psalter (1551).

Our final hymn, *I'll Praise My Maker*, (1719) was written by **Isaac Watts**, the father of modern hymnody. This paraphrase of Psalm 146 was a great favorite of **John Wesley**. It appeared in his first hymn collection in 1739 published in Charleston, South Carolina, and was on his lips when he died.

Our Anthem today, *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*, is actually **Psalm 100** put into verse for congregational singing. The tune OLD HUNDREDTH was first associated with **Psalm 134** in the Genevan Psalter, but the melody receives its current name from its association with Psalm 100, in a translation by **William Kethe**. The hymn was included in the 1552 Genevan Psalter. This psalter was compiled over a number of years in the Swiss city of Geneva, a center of Protestant activity during the Reformation, in response to the teaching of John Calvin that communal singing of psalms in the vernacular language is a foundational aspect of church life. This contrasted with the prevailing practice at the time in which sacred texts were chanted in Latin by the clergy only. William Kethe, who put Psalm 100 to verse with the title *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*, was a Scottish clergyman who spent most of his life in exile for his faith. He lived in Frankfurt and Geneva where he helped translate the Geneva Bible in 1560.

**ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Ushers: Terri Moehring James Allums  
Fred Niehaus Dee Allums

Shepherd: Judy Taylor

Liturgist: Johnny Brown

Reader: Ken Deppisch

Thank you to Jennifer Marshall for playing the organ today in James Pitts' absence.

This morning's prelude, *Hymn for Sarah - Amazing Grace*, is an arrangement for handbells written by Dr. Ron Anderson in loving memory of Sarah Rogers.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, October 29**

12:15 pm Inurnment Service for Sarah Rogers  
4:00 pm Halloween Carnival  
5:30 pm All-Church Picnic and Hayride

**Monday, October 30**

5:15 pm Soul Sisters

**Tuesday, October 31**

1:00 pm Sanctuary Guild  
5:30 pm Handbell Practice

**Wednesday, November 1**

6:30 pm Session Meeting  
7:30 pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, November 2**

9:30 am Presbyterian Women General Meeting

**Sunday, November 5**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Children's Choir  
11:00 am Worship Service  
12:00 noon Communion Reception  
5:00 pm Youth

**TODAY'S FLOWERS**

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by John and Robin Moore in loving memory of his son Matthew.

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**Westminster Presbyterian Church exists to declare God's love for all through Jesus Christ, to nurture and encourage spiritual growth, to maintain the integrity of divine worship, and to share the love and joy found in Christ by giving ourselves to our community and to the world.**

**THE SESSION**

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Ken Deppisch  
Bennie Kitchens  
Chris Kline  
Lisa Thompson

Class of 2018

Bobbie Ann Anderson  
Clarence Bahs  
Deborah Dalton  
Kristi Hachtel  
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Bruce McNellie  
Robin Moore  
Ray Taylor  
Patricia Thompson  
Betsy Tucker

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MINISTERS: All the Members of the Congregation

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Luther's 95 Theses  
October 31, 1517

**October 29, 2017  
Reformation Sunday**

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith."

Romans 1:16-17