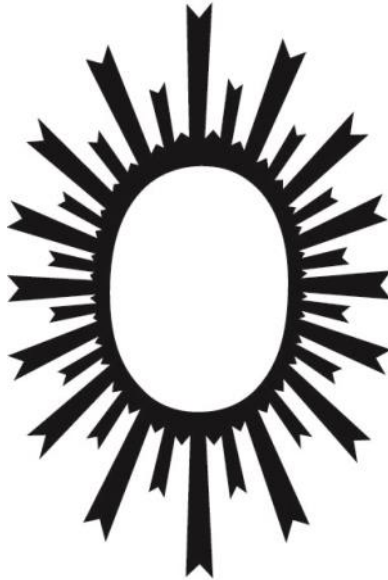


The Service for the Lord's Day



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Reformation Sunday

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

For young children, the Prayground in the back of the sanctuary is open and our nursery is also available for those who prefer childcare for infants and toddlers. Sunday school classes are available for kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade during the 10:30am service, after the Time with Children.

PRELUDE

“Prelude on A Mighty Fortress”

Michael Praetorius
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

I. THE CHURCH ARISES

INTRODUCTION

OPENING PRAYER

All: Lord, give us open ears to hear your voice in the voices of our ancestors; give us open minds to understand what they experienced and believed; give us open hearts to accept what you might be saying to us today. As we leaf through the history of your church, guide us into writing new chapters for the future! In your holy name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #507**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Text and Music: Martin Luther, Public Domain

NICENE CREED

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

One: maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

All: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

One: eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

All: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

One: who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

All: We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

II. THE CHURCH IS REFORMED

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy and gracious God, we confess today to the same sins that have always plagued your church: we are too stuck in our ways, too resistant to your Spirit, too attracted to power and privilege, too quick to build walls, too slow to build bridges. Send more reformation our way until we are formed more perfectly by you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear the good news! Sin has always been at work in the world, yet God's grace meets it toe-to-toe. We believe that when the story is over, it is forgiveness that will have the last word.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

***RESPONSE: #77, vs. 1**

"I Greet Thee,
Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

"I greet thee, who my sure redeemer art, my only trust and Savior of my heart, who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take."

Text: John Calvin; Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: As forgiven people, let's share signs of peace and reconciliation. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Share a sign of peace and reconciliation with your neighbors, such as a hand over your heart.

(10:30)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE SCOTS CONFESSION

As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk, that is to say, one company and multitude of people chosen by God, who rightly worship and embrace him by true faith in Christ Jesus, who is the only Head of the Kirk, even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus. This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with his Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of his Holy Spirit. It is therefore called the communion, not of profane persons, but of saints, who, as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, have the fruit of inestimable benefits, one God, one Lord Jesus, one faith, and one baptism.

THE HEIDELBERG CONFESSION

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of evil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

(10:30)

ANTHEM

“I Have Called You by Your Name”

Theron Kirk

~Chancel Choir

“And God said; “Fear not: for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters I will be with you; when you go through the rivers, they shall not o’erflow you. When you go through the fire, you will not be burned; I am your God and savior. Fear not: for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name; you are mine.”

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SECOND HELVETIC CONFESSION

Christian faith is not an opinion or human conviction, but a most firm trust and a clear and steadfast assent of the mind, and then a most certain apprehension of the truth of God presented in the Scriptures and in the Apostles’ Creed, and thus also of God himself, the greatest good, and especially of God’s promise and of Christ who is the fulfilment of all promises.

But this faith is a pure gift of God, which God alone of his grace gives to his elect according to his measure when, to whom and to the degree he wills. And he does this by the Holy Spirit by means of the preaching of the Gospel and steadfast prayer.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Lead Me, Lord”

Handel arr. Fredrickson

~Bryan Clinthorne

“Lead me, Lord, lead me evermore; lead me in Thy righteousness now and evermore. Let Thy love, Thy tender mercies be upon me, for Thy law is my delight; quicken me in Thy loving kindness. Lead me, Lord, lead me evermore; lead me in Thy righteousness now and evermore. Teach me, Lord, the way of Thy statutes; teach me, Lord, all Thy commandments for Thy law is my delight.”

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*DOXOLOGY

Hymn #34

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION—The Westminster Standards: Shorter
Westminster Catechism**

One: What is the chief and highest end of humanity?

All: Humanity's chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy him forever.

One: Holy God, may our offerings glorify you. May our lives reflect the joy we have in following you. We dedicate all that we are and all that we have to you. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

III. AND ALWAYS BEING REFORMED

HYMN #492

“Spirit of the Living God”

Text: Daniel Iverson; vs. 2 Michael Baughen (Vs. 2 ©1982 Jubilate Hymns (Admin. Hope Publishing Co.)
Music: Daniel Iverson ©1935, Ren. 1963 Birdwing Music (Admin. EMI Christian Music)

(10:30am)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

One: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

All: I do.

One: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

All: I do.

One: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

All: I will, with God's help.

QUESTIONS

INTRODUCTIONS

PRAYER

WELCOME

One: Let us welcome our new friends as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

BARMEN CONFESSION

The Christian Church is the congregation of the people in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit.

As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church were permitted to abandon the form of its message and order to its own pleasure or to changes in prevailing ideological and political convictions.

CONFESSION OF 1967

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of humanity's life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes humanity's natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin.

It is the will of God that the divine purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation.

...

With an urgency born of hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

BELHAR CONFESSION

We believe:

- *that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;*
- *that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;*

- that God calls the church to follow him in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
- that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
- that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;
- that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;
- that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;
- that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

***HYMN #564**

“God Is Working His Purpose Out”

Text: Arthur Ainger, Music: Martin Shaw ©1931 Oxford University Press

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

A Brief Statement of Faith

All: In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

(10:30)

POSTLUDE

“Playing of the Pipes”

**Indicates please stand as you are able.*

We extend our special thanks to Paul McLeod and Rick Parker of The Cabar Feidh Pipe Band for their participation in today’s service.

We are grateful to Westminster Presbyterian Church in Detroit for lending us their banners.

Readers at 9 am: Joelle Jarrait & Barb Hayes.

Readers at 10:30 am: Marilyn Sutton, Pete Klein, Gretchen Hirsch

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Our church is a Stephen Ministry church. Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who are trained to provide high-quality confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given by Toby Cheney and family, in loving memory of Dave Cheney.

Show and Tell

Today in Kirkman Fellowship Hall, immediately following our 10:30 am service, join us for "Show and Tell" as we get to know each others joys and hobbies.

Fall Grounds Clean-Up

The House and Grounds Committee invites you to join us on **Saturday, November 5, from 9am to 12 noon** for the annual Fall Grounds Clean-Up. Bring your work gloves and your gardening gear as we rake leaves and prepare the grounds for the coming Michigan winter.

A Service of Healing and Wholeness

As the holiday season approaches, many find it to be a time of sadness and/or struggle. On **Wednesday, November 16 at 7 pm**, our FPCRO Stephen Ministers and Staff will lead a service of Healing and Wholeness. We invite you to come as we seek God's comfort and healing during this time of difficulty. If you have experienced the death of a loved one, are in physical pain, or have had an emotional upset, please consider joining us for a time of comfort and renewal. The brief 30-40 minute worship service will be in Evans Chapel. All are welcome.

Flower Dedications

Make a flower dedication to celebrate, honor or remember friends and family. There are several slots still available. Sign up on the Flower Dedication chart in the hallway, fill out a card and include a check for \$45. Place the items in the basket at the reception desk. Thank you!

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