



First Presbyterian Church

OF LAKE FOREST

*sending well-equipped disciples of Jesus into the world—
compassionate, generous, resilient and wise*

OCTOBER 31, 2021

REFORMATION SUNDAY

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Isaac Watts

*Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.*

PRELUDE

Fanfare and Toccata on "A Mighty Fortress"

arr. Cherwien/Lovelace

THE WELCOME

INTROIT

Ein feste Burg

Martin Luther, 1529

*Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott,
ein gute Wehr und Waffen.
Er hilft uns frei aus aller Not,
die uns jetzt hat betroffen.
Der alt böse Feind
mit Ernst er's jetzt meint,
groß Macht und viel List
sein grausam Rüstung ist,
auf Erd ist nicht seins gleichen*

*A mighty fortress is our God,
a good defense and weapon.
He helps us out of all trouble,
that has affected us now.
The old, bad enemy
is working seriously now,
his power is great and his cunning vile,
his armor is cruel,
On earth he has no equal.*

* Please stand if you are able.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised!

* HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Tune: TOULON

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Martin Luther

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times, I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you, I have sealed the treasures of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and come to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you.

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

John 3:5; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Leader: Hear the good news!

As people born of water and the Spirit

we have died to the old life, and a new life has begun.

God's grace is poured out upon us day by day.

Come to the water and remember your baptism.

Be thankful, and live as one who has been raised to new life!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

* HYMN, No. 482

Baptized in Water

Tune: BUNESSAN



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

TEXT: Michael A. Seward, 1981

MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

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BUNESSAN

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PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WORD FOR CHILDREN

Following the Word for Children, preschool through 7th graders may leave for Faith Building classes. After worship, please pick up your children from their classrooms on the 2nd floor (rooms 213, 214, 215, and 219).

* Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of abundant life,
your grace is our daily bread.
Nourish us by your Word
and fill us with your Spirit
so that we may grow in faith and love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 145:13b-21

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.
The Lord is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.
The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
He fulfills the desire of all who fear him;
he also hears their cry, and saves them.
The Lord watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.
My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love

Ned Rorem, 1962
(text anon 19th century)

*Sing, my soul, his wondrous love,
who, from yon bright throne above,
ever watchful o'er our race,
still to us extends his grace.*

*Heaven and earth by him were made;
all is by his scepter swayed;
what are we that he should show
so much love to us below?*

*God, the merciful and good,
bought us with the Savior's blood,
and, to make salvation sure,
guides us by his Spirit pure.*

*Sing, my soul, adore his Name!
Let his glory be thy theme:
praise him till he calls thee home;
trust his love for all to come.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 2:8-10; 1 John 5:4

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

...for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A Life of Faith"

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE 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.*

"HOPE, ASPIRATION, AND THE PATH FORWARD"

John Noble,
Stewardship

OFFERING

Jesus Christ our Savior, who overcame death, BWV 626 J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

* DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

* Please stand if you are able.

*** HYMN OF SENDING, No. 275**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE**

Toccata from Suite Gothique, Op. 25

Léon Böellmann (1862-1897)



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Pastor Clint's day off is on Monday. Pastor Kristie's day off is on Friday.

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