

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 31, 2021 | Reformation Day | 8:30 AM

(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / **C = Congregation**)  
(blue and green are hymnal colors)



**PRELUDE** Diane Dangerfield

**WELCOMING WORD** *Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God is our refuge and strength,

**C: a very present help in trouble.**

L: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth be moved,

**C: and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

L: The LORD of hosts is with us;

**C: the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

**+HYMN #365 (Green)** *Built on a Rock* (vs. 1, 2, 3)

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

God, our comforter

**C: Like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

L: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**C: Amen.**

## **GREETING**

L: 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 pg. 57 (Green)**

**+ HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 58 (Green) Glory to God...**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Almighty God, gracious Lord,

**C: 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. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>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. <sup>34</sup>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.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28**

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>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; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

## **ACCLAMATION (pg. 62)**

(sing) Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

L: The Gospel according to John, chapter 8

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

## **GOSPEL: John 8:31-36**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>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?’”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

**+C: Praise to you, O Christ**

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** “A Mighty Fortress”

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE** Pastor John Twiton

+**HYMN #390(Green)** *I Love to Tell the Story*

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

+ **APOSTLE’S CREED** pg. 65 (Green)

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** pg. 75(Green) *Create in me a clean heart...*

+ **THE PRAYERS** pg. 65 (Green) (As the pastor concludes each petition with the words: “Lord in your mercy...” The people respond: **Hear our prayer.**)

+ **THE LORD’S PRAYER** pg. 71 (Green) (right hand column)

**SENDING**

**COMMUNITY WORD**

**+BLESSING**

L: May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter, surround you and sustain you until we gather again.

**C: Amen.**

+**HYMN#332(Green)** *Battle Hymn of the Republic*

**+DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 31, 2021

**SHARE:** What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

**READ:** Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding:

Monday, John 11:32-44, Jesus weeps at Lazarus' grave

Tuesday, Deuteronomy 28:58-29:1, Keeping the covenant

Wednesday, Micah 6:1-8, What God requires

Thursday, Psalm 146, Praise for God's Help

Friday, Deuteronomy 15:1-11, The Sabbatical Year

Saturday, Mark 11:12-14, 20-24, Jesus and the Fig Tree

**TALK:** Consider some of these ideas:

"So, if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

–John 8:36

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin*

- In what ways do you feel 'free', and in what things don't you feel free?
- What is the worldly standard of the 'truth'?
- John's gospel asks: "Who" is the truth?

**PRAY:** 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. **Amen.**

**BLESS:** People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, one God, bless you now and forever. Amen.

