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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 31, 2021



Immigrants Mural, Yuliana Cha

C.J. Briggs, Music Director
Julie Lehmann, Secretary

Nancy Bair, Liturgist
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

“We are not to reflect on the wickedness of men but to look to the image of God in them, an image which, covering and obliterating their faults, an image which, by its beauty and dignity, should allure us to love and embrace them.” ~ John Calvin

~ *GATHERING* ~

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Ps. 90:1-2*)

The Lord is our eternal dwelling place;
from age to age, the Lord is our God.

PRELUDE

AMAZING GRACE

Jim Brennan

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*by Scottish Students, World Student Christian Federation*)

We gather today to learn what it is to be a pilgrim community.

**We gather, bringing our hopes and our fears,
our memories and our visions.**

We gather, longing for the guidance of God's Spirit
to give us renewal and courage for the days ahead.

**Come, Christ Jesus, be in our midst. Bless us as we remember those
who have shown us your way forward. Help us to find a clear vision
for the future, as we learn to be your disciples day by day.**

Come let us worship God on this Reformation Sunday.

HYMN

FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL WOMEN

GTG #324

Finnish folk melody; Text by Herman G. Stuempfle Jr.

NYLAND

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Elder Joe Stern

LOGAN SCOTT EDWARDS

BROOKLYN MADELINE POROWSKI,

TYSON SCHMIDT

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

Adults: May God be with you there.

Kids: May God be with you here.

Children are dismissed to Sunday School.

RESPONSE

GOD WELCOMES ALL

GTG #399

South African song; transcr. John L. Bell

THEMBA AMEN

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of grace, when we look closely at our lives, we confess that our hearts are full of concerns that are not your concerns. Our souls are neglected. You are barely on our minds, and our strength is worn-out by things that do not have anything to do with you. Forgive us our sin. Cleanse us. Renew us. Reform us. Make us ever new. We ask this in the name of the One who died to set us free, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession.

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GTG #551

American folk melody, arr. Richard Proulx

LAND OF REST

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, let us rejoice that because of God's great faithfulness, **we have been forgiven. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

ALLELUIA

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!

GTG #591

Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell

HALLE HALLE

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Wendy Lavey

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 13:22-30

(NRSV)

HEBREW BIBLE

RUTH 1:1-18

(NRSV)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Wigger

RESPONSE

TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM

GTG #698

by John L. Bell

~ *RESPONDING TO THE WORD* ~

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

MELISSA RAMBERT BLAZEK

R. DAVID RAHN

ERIK BUTLER

ROBERT SCOTT

PROFESSION 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.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ *SENDING* ~

HYMN

JESUS CALL US

GTG #720

Text by Cecil Frances Alexander; Music by William H. Jude GALILEE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SCOTLAND THE BRAVE

Jim Brennan

Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA); *Presbyterian Outlook*, Gail Henderson-Belsito; and *Gifts of Many Cultures*, Maren C. Tirabassi and Kathy Wonson Eddy. GTG = Glory to God Hymnal