

Celebration of Worship

REFORMATION SUNDAY 500

October 29, 2017

9:30 A.M.

We welcome you to worship. We are glad that you are here! Nursery and Preschool care is available if you need it. The Young and Young at Heart are welcomed to the front early on for a special time in the service. Please sign the Friendship Pads so that we can get to know you better, and join us for coffee in the Narthex after the service.

Verses for Contemplation

Jesus said, 'These things happen so that God's mighty works might be seen in us...While it is daylight, *we must do the work of the One who sent me.* Night is coming when no one can work. *While I am in the world I am the Light of the world...*'

John 9

"You were once darkness, but *now you are light in the Lord, so live your life as children of the Light.* Light produces fruit that consists of every sort of goodness, justice and truth. Test everything to see if it is pleasing to the Lord."

Ephesians 5

God Invites Us to Worship

WELCOME

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE

Sketch No. 1

Schumann

We Offer Praise

WE CELEBRATE OUR GOD

Leader: Our God is refuge;

All: Our God is strength;

Women & Girls: Our God is help when danger comes.

Leader: Our God is Present;

Men & Boys: Our God is Past;

Women & Girls: Our God is Future.

Leader: When troubles come, or distress, or hardship,

All: We will not fear!

Leader: God is faithful;

All: We are faithful people of God.

Leader: God is relentless;

All: We are relentless people of God.

Leader: Christ is our Light, the Light of the World.

All: We are children of the Light! We are busy bringing in the reign of God!

Leader: Our God is refuge;

All: Our God is strength;

Leader: Our God will not be moved, but will stand firm from now until forever from now.

All: God is our eternal Home – our place to belong. Alleluia!

* Please stand, if you are able.

* HYMN *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* # 210

* GOD'S BLESSING ON OUR WORSHIP

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

God Speaks with a Heart of Love

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message

Stories

Prayer

(Children and Youth are dismissed for Sunday School.)

ANTHEM

Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place

Hopson

Chancel Choir; Anna Cooper & Sally Turner, flutes

Lord, you have been our dwelling place,

Our constant hope and stay throughout all the generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,

From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,

Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

A thousand years in your sight are like yesterday,

Like yesterday past and gone, like a dream in the night.

We are swept away like the grass of the field;

In the morning it is green, by the evening it is gone.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;

Be thou our guide while life shall last and our eternal home.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S SPIRIT TO MOVE AMONG US

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON

John 9:4-5 and John 10:37-38

p. 871 & 872

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 5:8-10

p. 951

SERMON

Bringing in the Kingdom of God

Reformed ("Re-formed")

and Always Reforming ("Re-forming")

Rev. Dr. Eileen Borduin Vanderzwan

We Respond in Re-Dedication

PRAYER OF RECOMMITMENT

* HYMN OF RESPONSE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* # 260

MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* arr. Moglebust
Alleluia Bells

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Question: "What does it mean that salvation is by grace through faith?"

All: Salvation by grace through faith is at the heart of the Christian religion. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast."

Ephesians 2:8-9

GOD'S GRACE AND FORGIVENESS GRANTED

Leader: Through Christ we are forgiven and called to a new life – to live as children of Light in Christ.

All: Alleluia!

*Greet one another with the words,
"You are loved and your are forgiven!"*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/debtors)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN *For All the Saints* # 526

God Sends Us Out to Serve

* GOD'S BLESSING AS WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* SONG *My Friends, May You Grow in Grace* Insert & Screen

* POSTLUDE

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