

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, October 25, 2020 – 10:00 AM

Reformation Sunday

Congregational responses are in **bold** type.

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

PRAISE

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: This is the world that God has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: We are all children whom God has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in that.

Leader: Sisters and brothers, centered in Christ Jesus.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad. Amen.

Confession

Here we are, wondrous Lord, in the house of your people. Sometimes we feel out of place here, all dressed up and looking like we're altogether. You know the many times we don't feel altogether. We acknowledge our brokenness, our separation from you, our doubts and our worries, our failure to love one another. Only because we know you to be loving and gracious do we even dare admit this to you. Touch us, O God, with your mercy. Continue to love us and lead us in how you would have us live. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance

God so loved the world - all the world - that God sent Jesus to save us. This is a gift of grace we share. As God in Christ Jesus has forgiven us, so we are to forgive one another. This is our calling; this is our potential! Praise be to God!

Hymn: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* #439, vs 1&4

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our present help amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
does seek to work us woe;
with craft and power great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth without an equal.

4 That Word beyond all earthly powers
forever is abiding;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
for Christ is with us siding.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth shall triumph still;
God's reign endures forever!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Gospel Reading: Luke 16.19-31

The Rich Man and Lazarus

19 “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross

from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Message “*How We Love*” Pastor Don Francois

Silent Prayer

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 heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WE PREPARE TO GO TO THE WORLD

Closing Hymn: *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

1 I am weak but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;

I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Refrain:

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

2 Thro' this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. [Refrain]

Benediction

Postlude