

SUNDAY SERVICE FOR OCTOBER 31, 2021

PRELUDE “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” -arr. G. Young

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

• CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

One: We gather in celebration of the Reformation and our God who forms and reforms us.

All: We remember those who have gone before us, transformed by the Way of Jesus the Christ.

One: We give thanks for the ways that the Holy Spirit has reshaped us and the church.

All: Let us lift our voice in praise of the One who makes all things new.

One: Come let us worship our God, who calls us to live and serve in love.

• OPENING HYMN #715 “Now Thank We All Our God” (*We encourage masking while singing*)

• OPENING PRAYER (*In unison*)

Open us, O God, that we might hear your call to new beginnings and new ways of being.

Challenge us when we are reluctant to respond to your creative guidance. Forgive us when we hold on to ways of acting and relating that prevent the flourishing of your peace and your justice.

Reform us in the image of your Son, that we might love as you have loved us! In the name of Jesus, the Christ we pray, Amen.

• WORDS OF ASSURANCE

• THE GLORIA PATRI #759 (*New Century Hymnal*) (*Sung by all*) (*See insert*)

(*We encourage masking while singing*)

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,

Three in One; as it was in the beginning,

Is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Amen.

• PASSING OF THE PEACE

(*As we greet those around us with the sign of peace, please be respectful of each other's comfort level.*)

MUSICAL RESPONSE “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: **Jeremiah 18:1-6** (*page 720*)

Second Reading **Mark 12:28-34** (*page 49*)

CHORAL ANTHEM “Come, Sing a New Song of Love” -arr. M. Cabaniss

A MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES: “Re-Shaped by God”

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “Spirit of the Living God” (*We encourage masking while singing*)
(*Remain seated. Sung twice as children leave for Sunday School*)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

SERMON “Re-formation Can Be a “GOOD” Thing!” *Rev. Tim Perkins*

CALL TO OFFER OUR TIME AND TALENTS

(*Offering plates can be found at the center doors outside the sanctuary. Giving is also possible online through GIVE+ on our website and through the sharing of your gifts in service.*)

• OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology” (*Sung by all*) (*We encourage masking while singing*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER (*In unison*)

**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.**

• CLOSING HYMN #65 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (*We encourage masking while singing*)

• COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Built on a Rock the Church Shall Stand” -arr. G. Martin

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. If you would like to remain in the sanctuary to listen to this music written and played to glorify God, please do so quietly.

Jeremiah 18:1-6

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

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Music: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

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