

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, October 29, 2017 *500th Anniversary of The Reformation* 11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Festival Intrada on Ein feste Burg arr. Ronald Turner
Tanner Hutchins and Corey Hermens, trumpets

INTROIT

With a Voice of Singing Shaw/arr. Shephard

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Hebrews 12:1-2)

Leader: Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses,

People: Let us lay aside every weight and sin that clings so closely.

Leader: Even our best endeavors are prone to sin and error;

People: So, may we be a church reformed.

Leader: Because we worship and serve not a stagnant but a living God,

People: So, may we always be reforming according to the Spirit of God.

Leader: With perseverance, let us run the race set before us;

People: Let us look to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfector of our faith.

HYMN #260

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God: You raised up brave and able servants to reform the church. We confess that we have lost our way again, and are in need of a new reformation. We are content with easy religion, with too much greed, with too little charity, and we cultivate indifference. Let Your Word renew us, O Lord, and let Your Spirit inspire us, that we may repent and have faith in the name of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Savior. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KYRIE #572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF OUR YOUNG CHURCH *Humble Thyself (insert)* arr. by Mary Harter

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Children ages K-3rd grade are now invited downstairs for Children's Worship.

ANTHEM

O Praise Ye the Lord

C.H.H. Parry/arr. Schweizer

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

First Thessalonians 2:1-8

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

“Sharing the Gospel—Sharing Ourselves”

Rev. Curtis Christian

*HYMN INSERT

We Now Implore the Holy Ghost

NUN BITTEN WIR DEN

HEILIGEN GEIST

verse 1 - an old German hymn

verses 2 and 3 - translated from Martin Luther's text of 1524

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria

Gloria Patri

MOMENT FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

DANISH

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #447

Lead On, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG (rhythmic)

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Today's Lay Reader is Phyllis Gump.

This morning's flowers have been given in honor of Randall Gray.