



October 27, 2024  
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# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN      October 27, 2024      11:00am Worship

23rd Sunday After Pentecost—Reformation Sunday

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

*The Peace of God*

John Rutter

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Come, bless the Lord,

in whom we find our refuge.

**You are our God; all good things come from You alone.**

Come, bless the Lord, who gives us a rich inheritance,

and surrounds us with abundance.

**You are our God; our lives are in your hands.**

Come, bless the Lord, who guides us on the path to eternal life,

whose presence strengthens and sustains us.

**You are our God; we will not be shaken.**

**Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 275

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN' FESTE BURG

CALL TO CONFESSION

*Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

**O Christ who chased the money changers from the temple, chase the greed from our lives and our hearts. As you overturned the tables, O Lord, overturn the systems in our world that contribute to cycles of poverty and oppression. Forgive us, O God, for the ways in which we contribute to this brokenness through our focus on ourselves and maintaining institutions rather than being driven by your uncalculating love. Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy. Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again. It is in Jesus' name that we pray. *(Silent prayers of confession)***

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS *(Responsive)*

The God who has made us will never desert us.

**The God of creation is creating still, making us new.**

The God whose love gave us the gift of Jesus Christ

**is the same God whose love forgives and sustains us.**

My friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*PRAISE HYMN 586

"Alleluia"

ALLELUIA 7

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 46

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11: 15 -19

PROCLAMATION

*A Chaos of Uncalculating Love*

Rev. Tom Buchanan

\*HYMN 320

"The Church of Christ in Every Age"

WAREHAM

## RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The 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 at 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 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.**

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY 606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 66

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

PENTECOST

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING HYMN 765

"May the God of Hope Go With Us"

ARGENTINA

**May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

\*POSTLUDE

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\* denotes standing as able.  
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