

**Reformation Sunday
October 27, 2024**

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude *Who You Say I am* *Fielding/Morgan*
 The DiPietrae Family
 Evey, Brady, Natalie

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

 **Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) *Jim Fox*

Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.

—Psalm 95:6-7, NIV

 **Invocation** *Jim Fox*

All glorious God, we give you thanks:
in your Son, Jesus Christ,
you have given us every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly realms.
You chose us, before the world was made,
to be your holy people, without fault in your sight.
You adopted us as your children in Christ.
You have set us free by his blood;
you have forgiven our sins.
You have made known to us your secret purpose,
to bring heaven and earth into unity in Christ.
You have given us your Holy Spirit,
the seal and pledge of our inheritance.
All praise and glory be yours, O God,
for the richness of your grace,
for the splendor of your gifts,
for the wonder of your love.

—based on Ephesians 1:3-18

 **Opening Hymn 26** *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

Jim Fox

When we see God's beautiful holiness, we recognize our own lack of holiness. God is light and truth, yet we live among shadows and lies. People of God, let us acknowledge who and whose we are; let us ask our powerful God to illumine us with grace and truth in Jesus, our Lord.

Prayer of Confession (*Responsively*)

Jim Fox

Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret,
forgive us;
for the things we have failed to do that we regret,
forgive us;
for all the times we have acted without love,
forgive us;
for all the times we have reacted without thought,
forgive us;
for all the times we have withdrawn care,
forgive us;
for all the times we have failed to forgive,
forgive us.
For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid,
for unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes,
God of all time, forgive us and help us
to lay down our burden of regret. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Jim Fox

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.
For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.
But the steadfast love of the LORD is from
everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.
—Psalm 103:8, 13-14, 17-18, NRSV

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God!

 **Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.
A-men, A-men.*

 **Passing of the Peace**

*Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with You
All: **And also with you***

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation Let us be faithful stewards of our time, our talents,
and our money. so that our treasure is in heaven
and our giving pleases God.

Stewardship Moment

Offering

Offertory *The House of the Lord* *Wickham/Smith*
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 **Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

 **Prayer of Dedication**

Lord God, we bless you for all your many gifts to us.
We return these gifts as a token of our gratitude, longing for the
conviction and strength to offer our whole lives to your service.
We pray especially today for your blessing on these offerings
Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

 **Preparation Song** *All My Boast is in Jesus*

*Verse 1
What wonder of wonders, what love is this;
That Christ would die for me!
His goodness, His merit, His righteousness,*

*This sinner's only plea.
O foolish pride, be crucified; the work is finished!
Chorus
All my boast is in Jesus, All my hope is His love.
And I will glory forever, in what the Cross has done.*

*Verse 2
Now fully forgiven, my life is filled with graces undeserved.
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill, let praises now return.
Rise up, my soul, and bless the Lord! Who else is worthy?*

*Chorus
All my boast is in Jesus, All my hope is His love.
And I will glory forever, in what the Cross has done.*

*Bridge (2 times)
O, praise the One, forever blessed! Him alone my heart adores.
And I will boast in nothing less than the love of Christ my Lord.*

*Verse 3
I boast not in riches, in strength or might, but in the grace of God.
I glory in weakness, to live is Christ in plenty or in want.
That I may know, that all may see. His pow'r within me!*

*Chorus
All my boast is in Jesus, All my hope is His love.
And I will glory forever, in what the Cross has done.*

*Chorus 2
Now I stand in this freedom; ransomed, clean in His sight,
oh, and I cannot be ashamed for my boast is Jesus Christ.
My boast is Jesus Christ. Forever, my boast is Jesus Christ.*

Proclaiming
God speaks to us through His Word

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:8-9; Luke 18:35-43

⁸ For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift— ⁹ not from works, so that no one can boast.

³⁵ As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the road begging. ³⁶ Hearing a crowd passing by, he inquired what was happening. ³⁷ "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by," they told him.

³⁸ So he called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ³⁹ Then those in front told him to keep quiet, but he kept crying out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁰ Jesus stopped and commanded that he be brought to him. When he came closer, he asked him, ⁴¹ "What do you want me to do for you?"

"Lord," he said, "I want to see."

⁴² “Receive your sight,” Jesus told him. “Your faith has saved you.” ⁴³ Instantly he could see, and he began to follow him, glorifying God. All the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Sermon *“Blind Man Receives His Sight”*
 Rev. Dr. Dennis Leshner

 **Hymn of Response 88** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Responding
We respond to God’s Word

 **Profession of Faith** *(In Unison)*

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name’s sake.
Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

—Psalm 23

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy;

All: Hear our prayer

Commissioning
God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

 **Commission Song** *How Deep the Father’s Love For Us*

*How deep the Father’s love for us,
How vast beyond all measure that He should give
His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.*

*How great the pain of searing loss.
The Father turns His face away as wounds
Which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.*

*Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.*

*I will not boast in anything:
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

 **Postlude**