

Reformation Sunday
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
October 29, 2023
11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE "The Old Rugged Cross" Dr. Renee Huff
(Prepare for worship in silent prayer and reflection)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Jeff Binder

INTROIT #177 "I Will Come to You" Dr. Renee Huff

WORDS OF PRAISE Psalm 90 selected verses Dick Cox

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
**and prosper for us the work of our hands –
O prosper the work of our hands!**

*OPENING HYMN #263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

*OPENING PRAYER Dick Cox

Today as we celebrate our Reformed heritage, we are thankful for your faithfulness throughout these years, even though we confess that we have not always faithfully followed your ways. Even within your church, reformation and renewal is needed. However, today we are thankful for our past, and content with our present, as we look forward with excitement for where you will lead us next in your faithfulness. Center and transform our hearts once more, O Lord, with your ever-speaking word of life.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Ephesians 2:8-9 Dick Cox

Hear the good news! By grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing; it is nothing less than God's gift for God's people! Friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Alleluia!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *Mary Meade*
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

(Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.)

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE #627** "I Love You, Lord" *Dr. Renee Huff*

SCRIPTURE READING **Philippians 3:4b-16** *Rev. Jeff Binder*
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "I Want to Be Like Jesus" *Dr. Renee Huff*

SERMON "Pressing On In Faith" *Rev. Jeff Binder*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #630** "Fairest Lord Jesus"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Scots Confession (1560)*
We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *Hymnal P. 35*

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP *Scott Wilson*

CALL TO OFFERING *Rev. Jeff Binder*

OFFERTORY *Dr. Renee Huff*

***DOXOLOGY #606** *Old Hundredth*

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***CLOSING HYMN #326** "For All the Saints"

***BLESSING & SENDING John Wesley (1703-1791)** *Rev. Jeff Binder*

You are never tired, O Lord, of doing us good.

Let us never be weary of doing your service.

But as you have pleasure in the well-being of your servants,

let us take pleasure in the service of our Lord,

and abound in your work,

and in your love and praise evermore.

Alleluia! Amen.

***POSTLUDE #256** “Because He Lives”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HANDBELL CHOIR is practicing Christmas music on Monday nights. Our next rehearsal is Monday, October 30 at 7:00pm in the Handbell Room. Please contact Dr. Huff if you have questions.

THE MARY BALDWIN UNIVERSITY CHOIR will perform in our sanctuary on Wednesday, November 1 at 7:00pm. We hope you can join us!

THANK YOU SO MUCH for the prayers for our daughter, Celia. She has been on the prayer list for some time and has now come through her major surgery and is healing well. Thank you again.
– The Gobles

HOME GOODS COMMUNITY PANTRY NEEDS We need the following items for our Home Goods Community Pantry: Dishwashing liquid (small bottle) and boxes of tissues. Thank you!

ALL SAINTS DAY We are planning to read the names of those who have passed in the past year on Sunday, November 5. Please submit the name(s) of anyone you would like to be acknowledged for All Saint's Day on Sunday, November 5. Thank you!

FALL BACK! It's that time of year again...please remember to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 5.

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Renee & Anthony Huff and their family; Louise Whipple; Paul Goble; Jim Cooke; Otto & Sherry Pebworth; Barbara (grandmother of Scott & Sharon Wilson's grandson Damien); Joyce (friend of Scott & Sharon Wilson); Linda (mother of Scott & Sharon's son-in-law Lindsay); Karen Shipsted & Angela Pumpry (friends of Robin Knott); Charlie Obaugh; Natalie Dodge; Sherry von Oeyen; Alan Obaugh; family of Pamela Ah-Thion

Please contact Heidi in the church office or Pastor Jeff to have names added or removed from the prayer list.

Elders

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