Order of Worship
October 25th 2026 ~ Reformation Sunday, 22nd Sunday after the Pentecost ~ 9am

Prelude
Questions 67 & 68
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Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship
God is our refuge and strength,
always ready to help in times of trouble.
So we will not fear, even if earthquakes come,
and the mountains crumble into the sea.
Let the oceans roar and foam.
Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!
The Lord Almighty is here among us;
the God of Israel is our fortress. Amen.

~ Based on Psalm 46

Hymn of Praise
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Ein' Feste Burg)
RH #151

Verse 1
A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and pow'r are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

Verse 2
Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side
The Man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be
Christ Jesus it is He
Lord Sabaoth His name
From age to age the same
And He must win the battle

Verse 3
And tho' this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph thru us
The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

Verse 4
That word above all earthly pow'rs
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Thru Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

Frederick Henry Hedge, Martin Luther
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Opening Prayer

Gather us together this Reformation Sunday, O God,
that we may celebrate the witness
of our forefathers and foremothers
and the courage that gave birth to the Reformation.
Teach us how to honor the saints of God in ages past
as well as in our present days.
May the conviction of your grace written on their hearts
be one that forms our own faith.
Inspire us in the continuing reformation of the church
and be present to us your in word and sacrament.
In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

~ written by the Rev. Dr. Letty Russell

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Scripture Reading

Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For 'no human being will be justified in his sight' by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.
But now, irrespective of law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ* for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement* by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.*
Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

John 8:31-36

[31]Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; [32]and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." [33]They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" [34]Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. [35]The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. [36]So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Nothing Left to Prove
The Rev. Billy Tweedie

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Offertory

We Are All In This Together

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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
Amen

Communion

Raise Up Your Glass

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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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Lift High The Cross (Crucifer)
RH #450

Chorus
Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name

Verse 1
Come brethren follow where our Savior trod
Our King victorious Christ the Son of God

Chorus
Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name

Verse 2
Led on their way by this triumphant sign
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine

Chorus
Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name

Verse 3
O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree
As Thou hast promised draw men unto Thee

Chorus
Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name

Verse 4
Set up Thy throne that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace

Chorus
Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name

Verse 5
For Thy blest cross which doth for all atone
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne

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Closing Prayer

Reforming God,
we give you thanks
for your forgiveness and your blessing.
We pray for ourselves and your church throughout the world.
Fill us with a spirit of openness to your Spirit,
to hear and receive your promises
and to keep our covenant with you.
Where we are corrupt, purify us.
Where we are in error, direct us.
Where we are in need, provide for us.
Where we are divided, reunite us.
And where we are close-minded,
reform us and make us new.
We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

~ in "Seasons of the Spirit – Reformation Day"

Blessing

Postlude

White Rabbit
Grace Slick

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Our love in action now begins

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