

Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2023

Order of Worship

Prelude

Scottish Airs
Scott MacDonald, Bagpipes

Welcome

Pastor Sara

Call to Worship

Pastor Sara

Leader: On Reformation Sunday, we remember the visionaries of our faith who helped shape the Presbyterian Church.

People: *We celebrate rights once denied Christian believers: the right to read the Bible in our own language, the right to sing hymns, the right to discuss our beliefs openly without fear.*

Leader: We remember the great reformers, those who led people of faith through dangerous times, like John Calvin and Martin Luther and John Knox and those who died for the religious tolerance we know and enjoy like John Huss, William Tyndall, Ann Hutchinson and Mary Dyer.

People: *We celebrate their dreams, their courage, their commitment and their sacrifice. On Reformation Sunday we remember and give thanks for the journey of our church as we humbly proclaim our mission.*

All: *At LNPC we connect, grow, equip, and serve. We build a Family of Faith by welcoming all people into a life-changing journey together as servants of Jesus Christ*

Opening Prayer

Pastor Sara

Gracious God, today we look back and remember the early Reformers who have brought our community of faith to this time and place. As people of faith, we not only look back and remember their work and impact, we also look forward. We look forward to the fulfillment of your promises for us. God, on this Reformation Sunday, we pray for your loving presence in this time of worship. May your Holy Spirit inspire us to appreciate and use lessons from the past so that we might come to a deeper understanding of who you are for us today. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Hymns of Praise

(please stand if able)

Praise Him Forever

Chris Tomlin, Jonathan Smith, Phil Wickham

Sydney Malone, Worship Singer

Jimmy Perez, Electric Bass & Sho Fujieda, Drums

Praise Him, you stars above, galaxies all in motion.

*Praise Him, you thunderclouds,
ringing throughout the heavens.*

*From ev'ry mountaintop to ev'ry wild ocean,
Oh, hear all the universe sing praise.*

*Oh, sing praise, let ev'rything that breathes,
Let all the earth proclaim,
great is the Lord our God.*

Praise Him forever!

*Let all that is within me magnify His name.
Great is the Lord our God. Praise Him forever!*

*Praise Him, you beating hearts,
sing for the life He's given.*

*Praise Him, you rescued ones,
join in the sound of heaven.*

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This is Amazing Grace
Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro, & Phil Wickham

***Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings***

***Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings***

***This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me***

***Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory***

***Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings***

***This is amazing grace
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That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me***

***Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy worthy worthy***

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Invitation to the Prayer of Confession

Mark Imfeld

This morning our Prayer of Confession is in the form of a Litany. It was written by John Calvin who lived in the 16th century. Calvin's use of language might seem odd and out of date but the meaning remains relevant and contemporary. Please join me in a Litany of Confession.

Prayer of Confession

Mark Imfeld

Leader: Grant, Almighty God, that as you urge us daily to repentance,
and each of us is also stung with the consciousness of our own sins,

People: *O grant, that we may not grow stupid in our vices, nor deceive ourselves with empty flatteries, but that each of us may, on the contrary, carefully examine our own lives, and then with one mouth and heart confess that we are all guilty, and that no other relief remains for us but your infinite mercy,*

Leader: and that we may so seek to become receivers of that grace which has been offered to us by your Son, and is daily offered to us by the gospel,

All: *that, relying on Him as our Mediator, we may not cease to entertain hope even in the midst of a thousand deaths, and we may be gathered unto that blessed life, which has been given to us by the blood of your only Son. Amen*

Silent Prayers

Declaration of Forgiveness

Mark Imfeld

As we believe in one God, so do we believe that from the beginning, there has been and now is and to the end of the world shall be one church by faith in Jesus Christ. This church is catholic, that is universal, but it contains the elect of all ages, of all realms, invisible; known only to God. The message of the church is that we are called, saved, and forgiven, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Friends Believe the Good News of the Gospel! In Jesus Christ We Are Forgiven!

Response of Thanksgiving

(please stand if able)

Amazing Grace
John Newton
LNPC Chancel Choir
#502 (v.1)

*Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.*

Anthem

The Staff of Faith
Craig Courney
LNPC Chancel Choir

My faith, it is an oaken staff,
the traveler's well-loved aid;
My faith, it is a weapon stout,
the soldier's trusty blade.
I'll travel on, and still be stirred
by prayerful thought or holy word;
By all my perils undeterred, a soldier pilgrim staid.

My faith, it is an oaken staff, o let me on it lean!
My faith it is a trusty sword,
may falsehood find it keen!
Thy spirit Lord, to me impart,
o make me what Thou ever art,
O patient and courageous heart,
as all true saints have been.

I have a guide, and in His steps
when travelers have trod,
If there beneath was flinty rock
or yielding grassy sod,
They cared not, but with force unspent;
Unmoved by pain they onward went,
Unstayed by pleasures,
still they bent their zealous course to God.

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled!

My faith, it is an oaken staff,
the traveler's well loved aid.

Time For Young Disciples

Susie Hess

Prayer Song

***God is always near me,
God will always hear me,
When I pray.***

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ 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; ²⁶ it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Hymn of Preparation
(please stand if able)

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art
John Calvin
LNPC Chancel Choir

***I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
My only trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.***

***Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
Reigning omnipotent in every place:
So come, O King, and our whole being sway;
Shine on us with the light of Thy pure day.***

Second Lesson

Luke 18: 9 - 14

Pastor Sara
Pew Bible p. 81

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Sermon

It's All About Grace

Pastor Sara

Time of Reflection

Blessing of Tithes and Offerings

Pastor Sara

Offertory

Amazing Grace
Traditional
Scott MacDonald, Bagpipes

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Sara

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

Hymn of Response

(please stand if able)

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Martin Luther
LNPC Chancel Choir
#43 (vv. 1, 4)

*A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.*

*That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
thro' him who with us sideth.*

*For still our ancient foe doth seek
to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.*

*Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.*

Charge and Benediction

(please remain standing if able)

Pastor Sara

Choral Response

Prayer for the Road
LNPC Chancel Choir

May we be blessed as we go on our way.
May we be kept in safety and love.
May grace and compassion find their way to every soul,
May this be our blessing, Amen.
Amen, Amen.
May this be our blessing, Amen
Amen, Amen.
May this be our blessing, Amen.

(In consideration of our live stream, please be seated until after the Postlude is over before exiting the Sanctuary. Thank you.)

Postlude

Scotland the Brave
Scott MacDonald, Bagpipes

Today's Chancel flowers are given by Linda Klein
in loving memory of Dale Klein
&
by Tom Dunn
in celebration of the engagement of Ambrea Tafoya and Brian Dunn.