

Order of Worship for 10/29/23

10:00am CST

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REFORMATION SUNDAY

*** Please rise in body/spirit | Congregational responses are in bold**

Unless otherwise noted, sing all verses on hymns

FLOWERS

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

**All: So we will not fear, even in earthquakes come, and the mountains
crumble in the sea.**

One: Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

All: The Lord Almighty is here among us; the God of Israel is our fortress.

OPENING PRAYER (all)

God of creation, you have made us to be nourished in your care, and you test us so that we will turn again and again toward your gifts. Show us how to love our neighbors and ourselves, and teach us to delight in your law so that we will know the way of gratitude and thanksgiving. In the name of Christ Jesus, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #457

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

1 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.

2 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.

3 Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
And all our substance and our strength receive;

Sustain us by Thy faith and by Thy power,
And give us strength in every trying hour.

4 Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,
No harshness hast Thou and no bitterness;
O grant to us the grace we find in Thee,
That we may dwell in perfect unity.

5 Our hope is in no other save in Thee;
Our faith is built upon Thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
That in Thy strength we evermore endure.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all)**

Your holiness, O God, commands that we confess: We have neither loved our neighbors as ourselves nor honored ourselves as your beloved creation. We have judged unjustly, regarded others ungenerously, profited at the losses of those near and distant, borne grudges, desired vengeance, and kept silence in the face of wrongdoing. We long to live in accord with your desire that your way of compassion, kindness, and honesty will govern our hearts and minds, turning us toward lives of peace. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Beloved ones, believe in the gospel again, that in Christ we are accepted as we are.

All: We are forgiven.

***HYMN #576**

Gloria, Gloria

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, allelia, alleluia!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Old Testament page 106

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

"Do Lord" and "Rise and Shine"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 22:34-46

This is the Word of the Lord

New Testament page 26

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. TJ Shirley

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of man's mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

***HYMN #477**

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

1 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad His wonderful name;
The name all victorious of Jesus extol,
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

2 God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still He is nigh--His presence we have;
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

3 "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne,"
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

4 Then let us adore, and give Him His right,
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY CALL & OFFERTORY MUSIC

"Long, Long ago"

PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY #592**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal p. 16

SENT IN GOD'S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN #260**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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 power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

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.

3 And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through 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.

4 That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through 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.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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