SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Reformation Sunday **November 1, 2026**

PRELUDE *Joyful, Joyful/The Church's One Foundation* JEFF GILBREATH

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Holiday Hope Chest* BARB WYLE

THE CHURCH ARISES

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
All: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change and the mountains shake.
One: We gather as a church reformed and always being reformed by the Word of God.
All: Built on Christ alone, trusting in grace alone, and justified by faith alone.
One: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
All: Come, let us worship the Lord!

GATHERING PRAYER

*** HYMN** #108 *Of the Father's Love Begotten, v. 1-2, 5-6* DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

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All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
One: maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
All: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
One: eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
All: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
One: who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
All: We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE CHURCH IS REFORMED

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God, we confess today to the same sins that have always plagued your church: we are too stuck in our ways, too resistant to your Spirit, too attracted to power and privilege, too quick to build walls, and too slow to build bridges. Send more reformation our way, until we are formed perfectly by you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen. (Silent Confession)

HYMN OF RESPONSE #473 *Shepherd Me, O God* SHEPHERD ME

Refrain x2
Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear the good news! Sin has always been at work in the world, yet God's grace meets it toe-to-toe. We believe that when the story is over, it is forgiveness that will have the last word.

All: In Christ we are forgiven, now and as often as we come before him. Alleluia! Amen.

*** HYMN** #275 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* EIN' FESTE BURG

THE SCOTS CONFESSION 1560

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM 1563

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life and in death — to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of evil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

THE SECOND HELVETIC CONFESSION 1561

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(The offering plate is not passed but is located on the stand outside the sanctuary doors.)

***HYMN** #321 *The Church's One Foundation, v. 1-2, 4-5* AURELIA

THE WESTMINSTER STANDARDS: THE SHORTER CATECHISM 1647

Q. 1. What is the chief and highest end of humanity?

A. Humanity's chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy him forever.

Q. 33. What is justification?

A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

Q. 34. What is adoption?

A. Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all privileges, of the children of God.

Q. 35. What is sanctification?

A. Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole person after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin and live unto righteousness.

Q. 36. What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

A. [A]ssurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing…

One: …we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. (Glory to God #552)

One: Holy are you, God of all creation, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ.

One: Remembering his death and resurrection, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (Glory to God #553)

Rev. Brogdon continues.

All: Amen, amen, amen. (Glory to God #554)

Breaking of the Bread and the Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation. You fed our ancestors at this table, and you have fed us. Send us out strengthened for the work you have set before us. Keep us listening for your Word, and keep us willing to be changed by it. Where we have grown comfortable, unsettle us. Where we have grown afraid, give us courage. Make us your church, always being reformed, until all the world sees your glory. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

AND ALWAYS BEING REFORMED…

HYMN # 288 *Spirit of the Living God, x2* LIVING GOD

THE THEOLOGICAL DECLARATION OF BARMEN 1934

THE CONFESSION OF 1967

THE CONFESSION OF BELHAR 1986

*** HYMN** #853 *We Are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba)* SIYAHAMBA

*** BENEDICTION: A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH**

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

*** POSTLUDE** *How Firm a Foundation* JEFF GILBREATH

*** Please rise in body or in spirit.**

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