

October 25, 2020

Reformation Sunday 9am

Gather

Welcome

Song

"The New Hslllelujah"

The Worship Team

Can you hear, there's a new song? Breaking out from the children of freedom.
Every race and every nation, Sing it out sing a new Hallelujah. (yeah)

Let us sing love to the nations. Bringing hope of the grace that has freed us.
Make Him known and make Him famous. Sing it out sing the new Hallelujah. (yeah)

Arise! Let the church arise. Let love reach to the other side. Alive come alive.
Let the song arise.

Africa sings a new song. Reaching out with the new Hallelujah.
Every son and every daughter, Everyone sing a new Hallelujah.

Arise. Let the church arise. Let love reach to the other side. Alive come alive.
Let the song arise.

Arise! Let the song arise. Let love reach to the other side. Alive come alive.
Let the song arise. Let the song arise, let the song arise
Let the song arise, let the song arise

Everyone sing a new Hallelujah. Everyone sing a new Hallelujah.

Litany/ "A Mighty Fortress"

PM. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C. And Also with you.**

PM. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

WT.

*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.*

PM. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

C. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

WT.

*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.*

PM. The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; God speaks and the earth melts.

C. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

PM. Come, behold the works of the Lord!

C. God makes wars cease to the end of the earth; God breaks the bow, shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

WT.

*And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has 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.*

PM. Be still, and know that the Lord is God!

C. God is exalted among the nations; God is exalted in the earth.

PM. The Lord of hosts is with us;

C. The God of Jacob is our refuge.

WT.

*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.*

Prayer

PM. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the Gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C. Amen.**

Word

Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.
Righteousness Through Faith

But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished — he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

Gospel Acclamation

C. Alleluia. If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia. (John 8:31-32)

John 8:31-36

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?” Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Message

Dr. Martin Luther

Prayers of the People

PM: With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Renew and inspire the church in the freedom of the gospel, O God. Where the church is in error, reform it. Where the church speaks your truth, strengthen it. Where the church is divided, unify it. Ignite in us the working of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

As the earth changes, as mountains shake and the waters roar, may we care for this planet as a holy habitation for all living things. Sustain all peoples and lands recovering from natural disasters of any kind. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Guide areas of the world divided or traumatized by conflict, especially in our own land. Free all from slavery and human trafficking, and protect all in harm's way especially our **Military Members:** Ryan Woods, Henry Kozak, Dustin Pawloski, and Reid Leslie. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Release those living in bondage to debts, chronic pain, or addiction. Grant healing touch to those who are ill especially our **Homebound:** Bob Rank, Kathy Schoembs, Sam Schlegel, Phyllis Ballas, Joanne Hummel, Doris Buchholz (hospice care), Pat Reiber; and those in need of **Healing:** Cindy Bunch, Don & Karen Steinert, Claudia Sauer, Katie Maly, Sue Herr, Walt Carlson, Sheila MacKay Davidson, Marcene Jackson, Leslie Bean, Don Gurwell, Diane Swartz, Dave Gilbert, Char Bachmayer, Diane Denhof, Fred Schaefer, Michael Curtis, Laurie Collins, all suffering with Covid 19 - especially President Trump and the First Lady. . Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

In this family of faith we give thanks for courageous voices that have remained firm in their commitment to the one who frees us from sin and death especially Bishop Beaudoin and staff, Bishop Eaton and staff, Memorial Church Staff, Student Katie Leslie, Intern Rebecca West-Estell, Monroe Corridor Parish, Hope Learning Academy teachers and families and all teachers and students in all schools. Centered in your grace, unify us in the hope of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Even in death, you free us and give us a place in your house. Comfort the family of Darlene Calcamuggio, Barbara Keller, David Smith, Braylen Noble, and Elijah Northcutt
We give thanks for our ancestors who have shown us truth and freedom, especially Martin Luther and those who work for the renewal of the church. In your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving & Words of Institution

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C. It is right to give our thanks and praise**

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, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer

PM. Lord God of hosts, the Refuge of every sinner and the Strength of all who put their trust in you, we praise you for having made us partakers of the blessings of your Reformation. Without any merit on our part, you have sent your Holy Spirit into our hearts and brought us to faith in your dear Son, Jesus Christ. You have made known to us the perfect merit of Christ. You have directed our faith to rest on the exceedingly great and precious promises of your Gospel. You have revealed the beauty of your grace, which rescued us from a just condemnation and assured us of certain salvation in Christ. Grant us your grace that we may receive your forgiveness with thanksgiving. Use us as your witnesses in bringing the message of pardon in Christ to people everywhere. Open our eyes to a better understanding of your Word and a deeper appreciation of your grace that our faith in Christ Jesus may grow and flourish with the fruits of righteous living. **C. Amen.**

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Announcements

Blessing

PM. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, preserve us as you have your holy church throughout the ages. For the gift of the blessed Gospel we praise God's name. For the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection from the dead and life eternal in Christ, we thank our God. We treasure the rich heritage handed down from our fathers in the faith. Bless you as you go forth and forevermore. **C. Amen.**

Song

"Shout to the Lord"

The Worship Team

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You;
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, Tower of refuge and strength;
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King;
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,
Nothing compare the promise I have in You.
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Dismissal

PM. Go in peace and praise the Lord! **C. Thanks be to God.**