

**Reformation Sunday
October 30, 2022**

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

 **Call to Worship** (*Responsively*)

Barb Finch

Praise the LORD, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the LORD, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

Praise the LORD, you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
who obey his word.

**Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts,
you his servants who do his will.**

Praise the LORD, all his works
everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the LORD, my soul.

 **Invocation**

Barb Finch

It is good to praise the LORD
and make music to your name, O Most High,
**to proclaim your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night,**
to the music of the ten-stringed lyre
and the melody of the harp.

**For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD;
I sing for joy at the works of your hands.**

How great are your works, O LORD,
how profound your thoughts!

You, O LORD, are exalted forever.

 **Hymn 76**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

Barb Finch

“Come now, let us settle the matter,”
says the LORD.
“Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson,
they shall be like wool.”

Prayer of Confession

Barb Finch

Often, O holy and righteous God,
we dare your justice,
mock your mercy,
jeer your patience,
slight your power, and
show contempt for your love.
We even say “I’m sorry” insincerely and confess our sin flippantly.
We plead your help
to own up carefully to how we have wronged you,
to admit honestly how we have grieved you,
to plead penitently for your mercy and pardon.
We beg your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Barb Finch

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me,
and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

 Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.
A-men, A-men.*

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation (Corinthians 9)

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly;
the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
Responding to God's bountiful gifts to us in Christ,
we have opportunity to share out of our abundance.

Offering

Offertory *Awake My Soul* *Chris Tomlin*
(*Bill Mecaughey*)

! 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. A-men*

! Prayer of Dedication

Almighty and most merciful God, from you comes every good and perfect gift. We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies. Your goodness has created us, your bounty has sustained us, your discipline has chastened us, your patience has borne with us, your love has redeemed us. Give us a heart to love and serve you, and enable us to show our thankfulness for all your goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to your service and cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

! Hymn

Psalm 126

Verse 1
Our mouths, they were filled
Filled with laughter;
Our tongues, they were loosed,
Loosed with joy.
Restore us, O Lord.
Restore us, O Lord.

Chorus
Although we are weeping,
Lord, help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your kingdom

*For the day You will reap them!
Your sheaves we will carry, Lord, please do not tarry!
All those who sow weeping
Will go out with songs of joy!*

*Verse 2
The nations will say,
“He has done great things!”
The nations will sing
Songs of joy.
Restore us, O Lord.
Restore us, O Lord.*

Chorus

Proclaiming
God speaks to us through His Word

Children’s Sermon

Be Prepared

Val Petrie

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Who then will harm you if you are devoted to what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness, you are blessed. **Do not fear them or be intimidated,** ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. ¹⁶Yet do this with gentleness and reverence, keeping a clear conscience, so that when you are accused, those who disparage your good conduct in Christ will be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹in which he also went and made proclamation to the spirits in prison ²⁰who in the past were disobedient, when God patiently waited in the days of Noah while the ark was being prepared. In it a few—that is, eight people—were saved through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you (not as the removal of dirt from the body, but the pledge of a good conscience toward God) through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

Sermon

*“Hope in the Suffering”
Rev. Tim Latham*

Responding

We respond to God’s Word



Hymn

Blessed Be Your Name

*Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow*

Blessed be Your name

*Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name*

*Pre-Chorus
Ev'ry blessing You pour out
I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say*

*Chorus
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name*

*Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name*

*Blessed be Your name,
On the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be Your name.*

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

*Bridge (x2)
You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name*

Chorus (x2)

Profession of Faith (Psalm 46)

**God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
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.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
“Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.”
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Prayers of the People

Commissioning

God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

 Hymn 282

Amazing Grace

 **Benediction & Blessing**

*This morning's Prayer Partners are
Bonnie Mecaughey and Dennis Lesher*

 **Postlude**

***Note:** *As an added safety measure during worship, the downstairs entrance doors will be locked after the first hymn (approx. 10:40). Please plan your arrival time accordingly.*