



REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 26, 2025

10:00 am

*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit, or by the lifting of hands.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTRODUCTION AND PRAYER

HYMN* *"Of the Father's Love Begotten"* 108

**1 Of the Father's love begotten,
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega;
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!**

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of
God.**

*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.*

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
*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.***

**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.**

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

**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, too slow to build bridges. Send more reformation**

our way until we are formed perfectly by you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

HYMN* *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* 275

**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.**

THE SCOTS CONFESSION

... This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles, who have communion and society with God with Father, and with his Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of his Holy Spirit.

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul,
in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus
Christ . . . Because I belong to him, Christ, by his
Holy Spirit, assures me wholeheartedly willing
and ready from now on to live for him.**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN – *Stu Bear*

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Adult Choir

“Transforming God, Renewing Christ”

SECOND HELVETIC CONFESSION

**. . . This faith is a pure gift of God, which God alone
of his grace gives to his elect, according to his
measure when, to whom, and to the degree he
wills. And God does this by the Holy Spirit by
means of the preaching of the Gospel and
steadfast prayer.**

HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”

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**1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.**

**2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.**

THE WESTMINSTER STANDARDS

What is justification?

Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein God 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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 debts, As we forgive our debtors. And
lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory,
For ever. Amen.**

HYMN*

"Spirit of the Living God"

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**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

BARMEN DECLARATION

... We reject the false doctrine, as though the church were permitted to abandon the form of its message and order to its own pleasure or to changes in prevailing ideological and political convictions.

CONFESSION OF 1967

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of humanity's life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate.

BELHAR CONFESSION

... that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

HYMN "We Are Marching in the Light of God" 853

**We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching, we are marching,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching,
We are marching in the light of God.**

... dancing

... praying

BENEDICTION* *(A Brief Statement of Faith)*

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!"

CHORAL RESPONSE* 543, v. 1

Congregation

**God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

CHURCH DINNER – All are welcome!

For more information about the women in the photo, see

https://romanroadspress.com/2015/10/5-women-of-reformation/?srsltid=AfmBOoqlPV3w0iWXxYEqC39qybo_EOFka98YDhEu4J8NMmfzISGJ3w3G

