



## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Reformation Sunday

**October 31, 2021**

**Livestream**

**10:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE

**"Built on the Rock, the Church Doth Stand"**

Hoelty-Nickel

Randy Benfield, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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MINUTE FOR MISSION

Run to Feed the Hungry

Anne Parker

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 90)

Clint Dahlke

Leader: God is our dwelling place from year to year, age to age. And yet we become complacent, forgetting who we are. God reforms us

**People: and makes prosperous the work of our hands!**

Leader: God's life surges forth through creation, like grass that renews every morning. And yet we prefer to be dust, swept away in the wind of every new idea and new fad. God reforms us

**People: and makes prosperous the work of our hands!**

Leader: God turns to us, and has compassion on us, so the great work of our lives manifests Christ's glorious love to the world. God reforms us

**People: and makes prosperous the work of our hands!**

HYMN

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

No. 260

# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this



seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's



armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.



## CALL TO CONFESSION

Clint Dahlke

Leader: An important outcome of the Protestant Reformation was the recovery of the teaching of grace—the unmerited, unconditional love of God that reaches out to us even before we reach out to God. In *The Institutes of the Christian Religion*, the great Reformer John Calvin once wrote that the knowledge of God begins with knowledge of ourselves. To know ourselves is to know our places of brokenness. And to know God is to know that in Christ, God's love stretches so deep and wide that it infiltrates every broken place in our hearts and in our world. Trusting that we can be honest before God and each other without fear, let us pray together:

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Living God, you are the One who is always on the move, always creating and re-creating, always doing a new thing. Our lives can become static, routinely paralyzed by doubt and fear. We remain stuck in patterns of greed and self-interest. We doubt your promises of abundant life and so we live in dread of our neighbors, our friends, and our enemies. Our souls remain still. Lead us, O God, to love as you love and live as you would have us live, with courage, generosity and the boldness of the gospel. Now in the silence of our hearts, we pray to you of those things we have done and those we have left undone.**

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, the good news of the gospel is that God's love in Christ stretches so deep and so wide that it infiltrates every broken place in our hearts and in our world. Our fear is met with love and our sins are met with forgiveness. Open your hearts to let the love of God in, because in Christ you are forgiven, freed, and made new. Believe in this great good news!

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

### **"Gloria Patri"**

Traditional

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. Amen, Amen.

## MOMENT FOR CPC

Faith Comes Alive Stewardship Campaign

## TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

## SONG

### **"Love the Lord"**

Brewster

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
With all your soul, with all your mind  
And with all your strength.  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
With all your soul, with all your mind  
And with all your strength.  
With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind,  
With all your strength, love the Lord your God  
With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind  
And with all your strength

I will serve You, Lord, with all my heart,  
With all my soul, with all my mind and with all my strength  
I will serve You, Lord, with all my heart,  
With all my soul, with all my mind and with all my strength  
With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind  
With all my strength, I will serve the Lord  
With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind  
And with all my strength  
With all my heart, with all my soul,  
With all my mind, with all my strength  
I will love you, Lord, with all my heart  
With all my soul, with all my mind and with all my strength

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

#### SERMON

***God Reforms Us***

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

#### SONG

**“In Christ Alone”**

Getty & Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

#### OFFERING

#### ALL SAINTS DAY REMEMBRANCE

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: God of Grace and God of Glory, on this Reformation Sunday, we give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us. For those who faced trouble and trial, and even death, for the sake of the message of your mercy and in the spirit of Pentecost, the right to hear and read the scriptures in their own languages.

We pray especially for those who now face trouble, trial, even death, for those members of the body of Christ who face persecution. For your beloved children

everywhere—regardless of tradition—who live under the threat of religious persecution. For people, especially those of us who are Indigenous, who face the extinction of our own languages through neglect, oppression, or cultural pressure. We pray that all may hear the good news of the Prince of Peace in ways that resonate, and cause us to drop our weapons and defences for the sake of the kingdom.

We pray that you may help us not only walk in the shoes of our forebears, but fill them. May all of us gathered here today be as captivated by the life you have given us in Christ that we are freed to reach our friends, neighbours, and enemies with your unconditional love.

Lord, we pray for the world you love in hope, and in trust, that we and your church might carry the light that has been passed down through the centuries, so we might be a beacon of your love to the world.

Hear us as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us, saying:

**Unison: 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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

#### THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Lord whom we love, whom we worship and adore,  
We will serve throughout this coming week. He it is who binds us together,  
And He it is who sends us apart, to be God's people, be God's people. Amen.

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