

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I can do no other, so help me God. Amen. ~ Martin Luther

PRELUDE *Autumn*, music from The Four Seasons Vivaldi

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT *God Welcomes All* GG: 399

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lord, we live in troubled times. We need only turn on the news to see things that are in need of reforming.

All: We come from a tradition that has claimed and championed the words, *Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda*: "the church reformed and always reforming."

One: From our churches to our schools, from our financial systems to our political institutions, Lord, we seek reformation.

All: To be better, more fair, more caring, more reflecting of you and your vision for this world, where all people are valued, where all people know love.

One: Make us your reformers, Lord.

All: Reform our hearts this day, and renew in us a right spirit. Amen.

*HYMN *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* GG: 107

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of our history, God of our present and future, we come before you this morning to confess the ways in which we have not lived righteous, loving and just lives. We live in a world that is a complex web of connectedness, and sometimes we find ourselves slowly pulled into bad habits or unhealthy alliances that work against your vision for the world. Sometimes we sell out. We often tune out or

ignore the ways in which our actions might be hurting others. Forgive us for this, Lord. Forgive our complicity. We ask you this morning to reform our lives, reform our hearts, and may we become your instruments to reform this world for the good.

(A moment for silent examination and confession.)

Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE *Sing Out, My Soul* GG: 646

All: Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul.

Sing out and glorify the Lord who sets us free.

Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul.

Sing out and glorify the Lord God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new command I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you. The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Steal Away* arr. Lloyd Larson

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN *The Church's One Foundation* GG: 321

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 22:1-13; 23:1-3, pg. 355

SCRIPTURE: Luke 19:45-48, pg. 83; Matthew 22:23-33, pg. 25

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Reformed and Always Reforming”

Rev. Abbie Huff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

In Heavenly Love Abiding

Finnish Melody

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

tune GG: 606

All: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: **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.**

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

GG: 275

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Peace of God Be with You

GG: 448

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer setting by J. Bert Carlson

*All who are able please stand.

***Latecomers seated.