

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

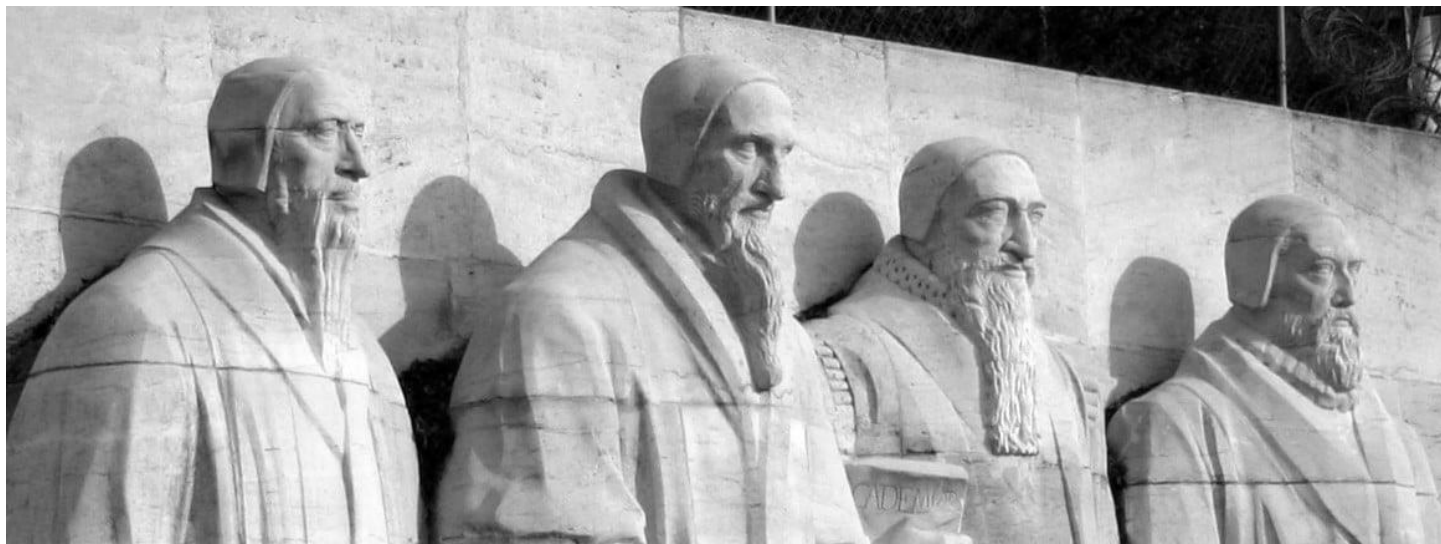
NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 29, 2017

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

REFORMATION SUNDAY

TRIO: THE RESPONSIBILITY IS OURS!



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

As the welcome pads are passed down your aisle, please help us to celebrate your worshipping with us today by signing the register.

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me.... We conclude that all law, Divine and human, treating of our outward conduct, should not bind any further than love goes. Love is to be the interpreter of law. —Martin Luther

PRELUDE

Aus tiefer Not

Peeters

INTROIT

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

T.J. Strand

*CALL TO WORSHIP

There are many who have walked the path toward God before us, showing us the way with their lives.

We come to give thanks for them.

As they were called, so are we called to live as Jesus did, answering God's call, saying "Here I am! Send me."

We come to ask for guidance and courage.

Today's cover photo is from the Reformation Wall on the campus of Calvin's University of Geneva in Switzerland. These great reformers are: William Farel, John Calvin, Theodore Beza, and John Knox. The statues are five meters tall and were commissioned shortly before World War I.

*An asterisk * indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in Spirit as you feel led and are able.*

*Please join in on the liturgy printed in **bold italics**.*

We are, each of us, like those who have gone before us, a strange mixture of saint and sinner. God accepts us that way and fills us with the Spirit, empowering us to share our faith in word and action.

We come to worship the Holy God.

Brothers and sisters, praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised! Let us worship God!

*HYMN *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Purple, No. 275

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

God of our fathers and mothers: You raised up brave and able women and men all through the centuries to reform and renew your church. We confess that we seem to easily lose our way again and again, and are ever in need of your reforming action. We are too often content with easy religion, with so many resources and too little compassion; we cultivate indifference. Lord, let your teaching shake us up and your Spirit renew us, so that we may repent, have a fuller faith, and never shrink from sacrifice in service to you. Amen.

ASSURANCE

*RESPONSE *Come Sing to God* Verse 4, Purple, No. 805

*SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

HYMN OF PREPARATION Verse 1, Purple, No. 188

Jesus Loves Me!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Maker of the stars, give us light to see;
Proclaimer of justice, give us ears to hear;
Inspirer of all, give us minds to understand;
One whom we worship, give us strength and courage to respond. Amen.***

Today's version of the Lord's Prayer can be found in the Purple Hymnal on page 35 and uses "debts" and "debtors."

This week in Sunday School Northminster's youngest also will learn about Solomon building the temple in Jerusalem.

Our third graders will be receiving Bibles as a part of the Time with the Children. Given the Reformation Motto of "Christ Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone," it seems a most proper day for this presentation.

ANTHEM *The Lord Is a Mighty God* F. Mendelssohn

SERMON READING 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13 OT, pp. 307; 311
This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON *We Are Yours, O God!*
 We Are Christ's Temple in the World

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* Purple, No. 766

PRAYER OF FAITH AND UNITY FOR 500TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

As we celebrate the Reformation, let us also pray for reconciliation within the body of Christ. For the church that in every age has taught the faith to children, shared the sacraments, and fed the poor,

O God, we give you thanks.

For the times when the church has let the human urge for power and self-preservation prevail over the will of God,

O God, we ask forgiveness.

For those in every age who bring reformation and renewal to the church when it has become complacent,

O God, we give you thanks.

For those instances when we have driven out sisters and brothers who had a different vision of God's will for us,

O God, we ask forgiveness.

For the diversity of expression in our many churches and denominations and for the spirit of liberation that allows the church to continually renew itself,

O God, we give you thanks.

For the church, that we may be worthy and willing to work at healing divisions among all worshiping communities throughout the whole world,

***We pray in the name of the God, who is Creator of all,
Amen.***

RESPONSE *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* Verse 1, Purple No. 306

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing* R.V. Williams
Gabriel Walker, Baritone

500 years ago this coming Tuesday, October 31st, Martin Luther nailed his "Disputation on the Power of Indulgences" to the door of his Church in Wittenberg, marking the formal beginning of the Lutheran Reformation. Because his actions spurred on reformers in Switzerland and elsewhere who undertook the Protestant Reformation, his actions are seen as formational for our Reformed Movement as well. Today, there are over 33,000 Christian denominations, the vast majority of which have their roots in the Reformation.

*Response Verse 1, Purple, No. 307
God of Grace and God of Glory

*Prayer of Thanksgiving
Generous God, by the power of your Spirit, take what we offer here; use all to meet needs and to move your world ever closer to one community, one beloved family—your coming commonwealth of compassion, justice and peace. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN *The Church's One Foundation* Purple, No. 321

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE *Service Be Our Sure Vocation* T.J. Strand

POSTLUDE *Ein feste Burg* Pachelbel

The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God in memory of William Garrison by his family.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory

A Time with the Children—Pastor Jessica

Musicians—Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele, the Chancel Choir

Choral Soloists—Johanna Moffitt, soprano; Jackie King, alto;

Steve Uliana, tenor; Gabriel Walker, baritone

Acolytes—Anabelle Brown & Ashlyn Rogowski

Our Northminster Family at Work

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If you leave during the Postlude, please show respect for those to remain to listen.