

REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 31, 2021

SABBATH REFLECTION

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

–arr. Gary Lanier

Mitchell Frey, trombone; Helen Weiss Phelps, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father,

and of ✝ the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***GATHERING SONG “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”**

ELW # 504

Text & Music: Martin Luther

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**A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
And wins salvation glorious.**

**The old satanic foe
Has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**

**No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.**

**You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.**

**God's Word forever shall abide,
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.**

**Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord,
**we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour
out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your
word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all
enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

ANDBELL OFFERING

"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"

setting, Cathy Moglebust

Resurrection Bells

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

PSALM

"Psalm 46"

-setting, Charles Anders

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Choir sings Antiphon once, followed by the congregation:



f The Lord of Hosts is with us: the God of Ja - cob is our strong-hold.

*God is for us a refuge and strength,
A helper close at hand in time of distress.
So we shall not fear, though the earth should rock,
Though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea.*

*Even though its waters rage and foam,
Even though its mountains be shaken by its waves.*

Congregation sings:



***f** The Lord of Hosts is with us: the God of Ja - cob is our strong-hold.*

*The waters of a river give joy to God's city;
The holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within, it cannot be shaken.
God will help it at the dawning of the day.
Nations are in tumult, the kingdoms are shaken.
He lifts his voice, the earth fades away.*

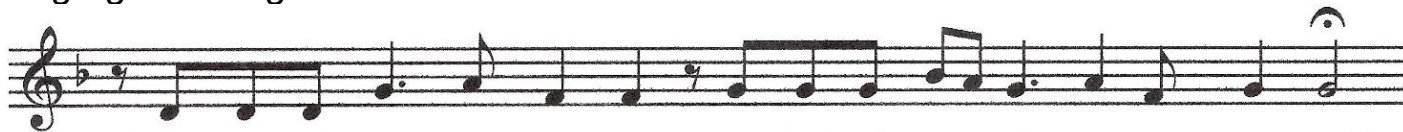
Congregation sings:



***f** The Lord of Hosts is with us: the God of Ja - cob is our strong-hold.*

*Come, consider the works of the Lord,
The deeds he has done on the earth.
He puts an end to wars over all the earth.
The bow he breaks, the spear he snaps;
He burns the shields with fire
Be still and know that I am God.
Supreme among the nations,
Supreme on the earth.*

Congregation sings:



***f** The Lord of Hosts is with us: the God of Ja - cob is our strong-hold.*

TEACHING MOMENT

***GOSPEL John 8:31-36**

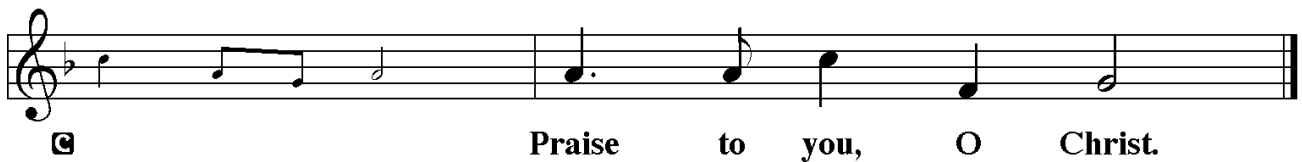
The holy gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.



³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

The gospel of the Lord.



HOMILY “Free at Last”

Pastor Dave Helfrich

***SONG OF THE DAY** “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

ELW # 517

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**Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;
curb those who by deceit or sword
would wrest the kingdom from your Son
and bring to naught all he has done.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
for you are Lord of lords alone;
defend your holy church, that we
may sing your praise eternally.**

**O Comforter of priceless worth,
send peace and unity on earth;
support us in our final strife
and lead us out of death to life.**

RITE OF CONFIRMATION—AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *these sisters and brothers*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called *them* to yourself,
enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit,
and nourished *them* in the community of faith.

Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism,
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Three Renunciation Questions

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

AFFIRMATION

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ
through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin,
and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in name the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.



Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Strengthen the church to rediscover paths of love throughout the world and raise up teachers and leaders to guide communities of faith into joyful ways of welcoming, worshiping, healing, praying, singing, feeding, teaching, loving, and living.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant courage to all world leaders who hear your call for peace. Protect all who live in lands affected by violence. Strengthen the United Nations and all worldwide peace efforts that help us to live in harmony as neighbors who share a common planet.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Provide refuge and help for all who lack adequate food, housing, or health care. Strengthen organizations that provide neighborly care to all who struggle. Heal and be present with all who are sick or suffering in any way in mind, body or spirit.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers, spoken and unspoken, into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

Amen.

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

–John Carter

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, heeled, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*

*Praise him for his grace and favor
to his people in distress;
Praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious is his faithfulness.*

*Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hand he gently bears us.
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.*

*Angels, help us to adore him;
We behold him face to face.
Sun and moon bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise we now the God of grace.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the God of grace.
(end)*

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

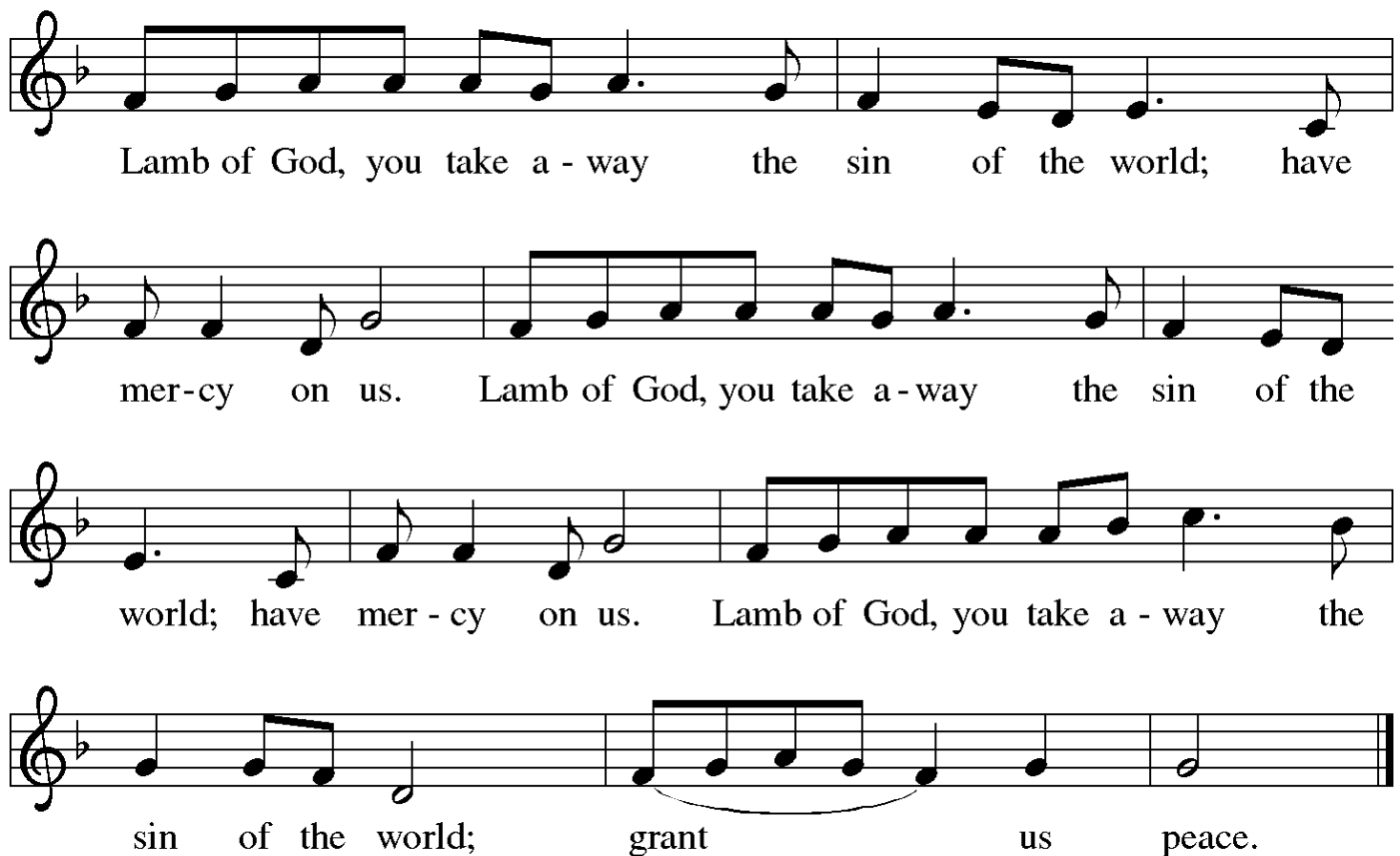
*LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

(Communing of Servants)

LAMB OF GOD



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff begins with 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have'. The second staff continues with 'mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the'. The third staff continues with 'world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the'. The fourth staff concludes with 'sin of the world; grant us peace.' The word 'grant' is underlined with a curved line, and 'us' is positioned below a note that is part of a phrase that also includes 'grant'.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS

"The Church's One Foundation"

ELW # 654

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**The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.**

**From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.**

**Elect from ev'ry 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 ev'ry grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,**

**yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.**

**Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;**

**till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.**

**Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see you face to face.**

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

ELW # 494

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**For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.**

**By this promise that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heav'n above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.**

**With the saints who now adore you,
seated at the heav'nly board,
may the church still waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.**

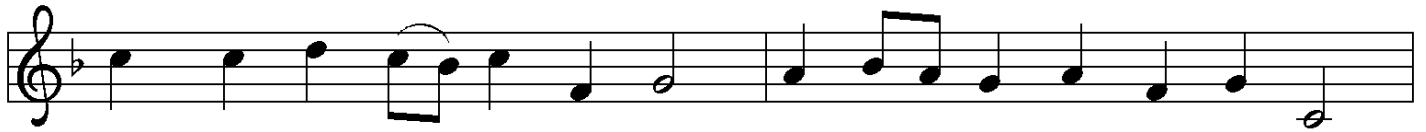
**In your service, Lord, defend us;
in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world to which you send us
let your kingdom come, O Lord.**

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

CANTICLE



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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*SENDING PRAYER

*BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Ode to Joy”

–setting, Gary Lanier

Mitchell Frey, trombone



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