Reformation Sunday

October 25th, 2020 **11:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE ***Chorale Prelude on Ein feste Burg*** *Dietrich Buxtehude*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT ***Sing Praise Unto the Name of God*** GENEVAN 36

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✙CALL TO WORSHIP

✙PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN OF PRAISE ***I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*** TOULON

We invite you to meditate on the lyrics as the hymn is played.
Please refrain from singing out loud.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, Eternal and Almighty Father, we confess and recognize without pretense, before Your Holy Majesty, that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption, inclined to do evil, incapable of any good, and that in our depravity we endlessly and unceasingly transgress your holy commandments. In doing so, we acquire, by your just judgment, our ruin and perdition. However, Lord, we are unhappy within ourselves that we have offended you, and condemn ourselves and our vices with true repentance, desiring that your grace and help should relieve our distress. Therefore, have mercy on us, most graceful and merciful God and Father, in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And as you erase our sins and stains, enlarge and increase in us from day to day the graces of your Holy Spirit, so that as we recognize our injustice with all our heart, we may be moved with sorrow, which shall bring forth true repentance in us, mortifying us to all our sins, and producing in us fruits of righteousness and innocence which will be pleasing to you through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE ***All People That on Earth Do Dwell*** OLD 100TH

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THE DECALOGUE AND KYRIE

✙PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Deuteronomy 6:4-9

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM ***O Love*** *Elaine Hagenberg*

O Love, that will not let me go
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe
That in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be

O Joy, that seeks me through the pain
O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be

O Love, that will not let me go
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe
And in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be
O Love, that will not let me go

✞GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:34-40

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

TIME FOR REFLECTION ***Magnificat Primi Toni*** *Jacob Praetorius*

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE WHOLE ESTATE OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

HYMN OF DEDICATION ***I'll Praise My Maker*** OLD 113TH

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✞BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE ***Song of Simeon*** NUNC DIMITTIS

✞POSTLUDE ***Praeambulum in G Major*** *Heinrich Scheidemann*