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9:00 am Faith Formation 10:15 am Worship Service

October 26, 2025

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Shirley Metzger

Reformation Sunday

PRELUDE

GREETING

If able, please rise in body or in spirit

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice, children of Zion! Be glad in the Lord your God.

God restores what was lost, renews what was broken.

God pours out the Spirit upon all people.

Sons and daughters shall prophesy, old and young shall dream together.

Come, Holy, Spirit, renew your Church and reform our hearts.

Come, Holy Spirit, make us one in Christ.

Hymn #507 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Please be seated

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us come before God in humility, trusting not in our own righteousness, but in God's mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we have trusted too much in our righteousness, separating ourselves from you and each other. Forgive us when our pride builds walls rather than bridges, when our fear silences your truth, when our faith grows judgmental. Pour out your Spirit on us again, that we may be renewed in heart and reformed in the way of Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news! "I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh," says the Lord, "and everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and set free. Thanks be to God!

Senior Choir Anthem

Happy Land

Harlan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, open our hearts to your living Word. Shake loose the dust of habit, ignite the fire of faith, and help us hear your truth with humility and hope. Amen.

Scripture: Joel 2:23-32

Luke 18:9-14

The word of the Lord.

Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

If able, please rise in body or in spirit.

Hymn #461 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Please be seated

Koinonia Time (community; communion; fellowship; intimacy)
(Please date, sign, and pass the pew pad to your neighbors)

Sharing Joys and Concerns Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator/Mother/Father/Spirit, 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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Scripture Psalm 1:1-3

Reflection

Litany

Friends, everything we have comes first as a gift from God.

We are rooted in God's abundance.

Like trees planted by streams of water, we flourish when we trust in God's care.

We give thanks for God's blessings in our lives.

As we begin this stewardship season, let us remember: generosity begins with gratitude.

Invitation to Generosity

With humble hearts for all God has given us, let us gratefully give for the healing of this world and so all may know God is our God.

If able, please stand in body or in spirit

Offertory Response

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly host.

Praise Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen

Prayer of Dedication

Holy and merciful God, you know the joy that is in us when we offer ourselves, our time, and our possessions for the work you set before us. Use these gifts to heal and teach, comfort and challenge, that all the world might give you praise. Amen.

Hymn #411 How Firm a Foundation

BENEDICTION

Go forth, beloved of God, renewed by the Spirit, humbled by grace, and emboldened to live the gospel. May the rains of God's mercy refresh you, the Holy Spirit be poured upon you, and the love of Christ be your salvation. Amen.

Please be seated

Postlude

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Head Ushers for October are Lance Ide and Ron Grace
Ushers today are Doris Lindmeier and Lee Metzger
Altar Guild for the month of October are Robin Ide and Doris Lindmeier

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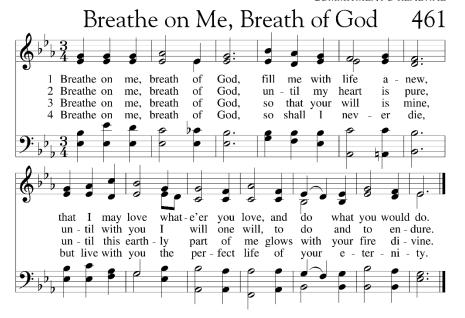
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CONFLICT & VICTORY A Mighty Fortress Is Our God 1 A might-y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er fail - ing; 2 Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los - ing, 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat-en to un - do us, 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth; our help-er he, a - mid the flood of mor-tal ills pre - vail - ing. were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos - ing. we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri-umph through us. the Spir-it and the gifts are ours thro' him who with us sid - eth. For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is he; Lord Sab - a - oth his The Prince of Dark-ness grim, we trem-ble not for him; his rage we can en-Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor-tal life al - so; the bod - v they may great, and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the bat dure, for lo, his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him. kill: God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king-dom is for - ev er.

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FAITH & HOPE

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