



Service for the Lord's Day
October 25, 2020 9:30 am
Reformation Sunday/20th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Cynthia Hartis, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Kathryn G. N. Campbell

Gathering Music

Call to Worship – *Based on Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17*

In every generation, the people of God have been
blessed to find their home and resting place in God!

We gather to worship and praise the God of all people.

All creation since time began, have been blessed
to find that the place of their birth is their Creator's hands.

We gather to worship the God of all creation.

We gather to worship and praise our God, and to
ask God to fill us with the joy of your unfailing love.

May the favor and blessing of God be upon us this day.

Let us worship God together.

Opening Song of Praise # 275

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Ein Feste Burg

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing
Our Helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel
hate
On earth is not his equal

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would
be losing
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's
own choosing
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same
And He must win the battle

And though this world with devils filled should
threaten to undo us
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to
triumph through us
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to
them, abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with
us sideth
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

Prayer of Confession

Jesus told us to love God with all our heart, but we often love our jobs, our homes, and our own possessions more than we love God. Jesus told us to love God with all our soul, but we put more soul into our music, our sports, and our hobbies than into expressing our love of God. Jesus told us to love God with all our mind, but we seldom study the Bible as much as we study our schoolbooks or bankbooks. Jesus also told us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, but we spend hours meeting our wants and needs and minutes finding excuses for not taking care of others. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to remember and obey your commands. For we pray in Jesus name. *(Time for silent confession.)* Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Responsorial Song of Praise

“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

Newton/Tomlin

Amazing grace

How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost, but now I'm found

Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear

And grace my fears relieved

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed

My chains are gone

I've been set free

My God, my Savior has ransomed me

And like a flood His mercy rains

Unending love, Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me

His word my hope secures

He will my shield and portion be

As long as life endures

My chains are gone

I've been set free

My God, my Savior has ransomed me

And like a flood His mercy rains

Unending love, Amazing grace

My chains are gone

I've been set free

My God, my Savior has ransomed me

And like a flood His mercy rains

Unending love, Amazing grace

The Earth shall soon dissolve like snow

The sun forbear to shine

But God, Who called me here below

Will be forever mine

Will be forever mine

You are forever mine

Time for (All of God's) Children

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading – 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Refrain:

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from
you.*

*Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.
(Refrain)*

*Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away.
(Refrain)*

Second Scripture Reading – Matthew 22:34-46

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

...and Always Reforming

Rev. Dr. Kathryn G. N. Campbell

Song

"One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)"

Johnson/Gifford/Riddle

*Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant through the trial and the change
One thing remains
One thing remains*

Chorus:

*Your love never fails, and never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love never fails, and never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love never fails, and never gives up
It never runs out on me*

*And on and on and on and on it goes
Before it overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never, ever, have to be afraid
One thing remains
One thing remains
(Chorus)*

*In death, and in life
I'm confident and covered by the power of your
great love
My debt is paid, there's nothing that can separate
My heart from Your great love
(Chorus)*

Litany of Commitment to God's Word

Almighty God, by your holy word, all that we know has come into existence: our universe, our world, our lives, our loved ones, and all that we have and hold so dear. By your holy word, you sent forth your Son to bring us salvation through the cross of death and resurrection. By your holy word, you have called us together to be a Church of love and service in the world. By your holy word, we know that we live in grace and hope. Keep us ever close to your word, that it might be written upon our hearts.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Help us to grow in faith and love toward you, so that we might always live in trust and hope.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Center us in routines that keep us close to you, O Lord. Center us in weekly worship.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Center us in daily prayer.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Center us in knowledge of holy scripture.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Center us in the mission of the church.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Center us in lives of thankful giving and loving for all the blessings which you have bestowed upon us.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

By your word, O Lord, guide our lives, forgive our sins, inspire our thoughts, shape our attitudes, lighten our darkness, give us eternal hope, and fill our hearts with joy, assuring us of your constant presence, until you bring us at last into the glories of your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Sharing Our Fellowship Family's Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Offering

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Offertory # 438**"Rock of Ages"**

Baloché

*There is no rock
 There is no god like our God
 No other name worthy of all our praise
 The Rock of Salvation that cannot be moved
 He's proven Himself to be faithful and true
 There is no rock
 There is no god like ours*

*Rock of Ages
 Jesus is the Rock
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 Jesus is the Rock
 There is no rock
 There is no god like ours*

Prayer of Dedication**Closing Hymn of Commitment****"Our God, We Are a Church Reformed"**

Azmon

*Our God, we are a church reformed,
 A church reforming still:
 We long to grow in your true Word,
 And follow more your will.*

*How awesome is your sovereign rule;
 You reign from Heaven above.
 Yet you knelt down in Jesus Christ,
 In sacrificial love.*

*In love, you bring your people here
 And call your church to you,
 That we may know salvation's joy
 And serve in all we do.*

*You call us to community;
 By faith our hearts are stirred.
 In church, we seek an ordered life,
 According to your Word.*

*As faithful stewards we find joy;
 We need no rich display.
 Lord, teach us all to use with care
 The gifts you give each day.*

Charge and Benediction**Passing of the Peace***The Peace of Christ Be with You!*

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted 95 Theses (propositions) on the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church as an invitation to debate the sale of indulgences for forgiveness. That event sparked a reform movement that eventually led to a Lutheran church and separate denominations. While there is much sorrow in the disunity which the Reformation caused, Luther did establish the idea that the Church is always in need of reform in the light of the gospel. Luther's primary principal that Christians are justified by God's grace through faith in Christ has also found universal acceptance among denominations. Today we pray for church unity, for the purity of God's word, and for a church that is always open to reform and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Worship Participants:

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 Blake Tickle, MDiv
 Cynthia Hartis
 Patrick Harman
 Steve Brandt
 Charles Layno

Pastor
Music Director
Accompanist
Guitar
Technical Support
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Prayer Concerns and Celebrations:

- **Gwen Knott's** abdominal surgery on Monday went well. She is home recuperating and Hal says she has a good caregiver.
- **Terry Anderson** had extensive foot surgery that went well Tuesday. She is home recuperating and expected to be off work for 2 weeks. The doctor will then determine if it will extend as far as 3 months to heal properly.
- **Steve Brandt** still has some pain, but no kidney stone.
- **Sarah St. Cyr** celebrates that her discomfort has passed and she was given an "all clear" by the doctors!
- **Carrie Simpkins**, and her children Nola, Fin, Brooks and baby Hutch are recovering from serious injuries sustained last week in a horrific car crash. Carrie is niece to Donna Steele and daughter of Corky Cotter. Corky reported that everybody is home, staying with Carrie's in-laws. The family is receiving assistance from their church family.
- **Scott Loupos** is still having pain, but feels better overall.
- **Carol Morgan** continues to improve from back surgery.
- **Bruce Weaver** is receiving treatment for bone cancer.
- Prayers for our homebound: **Ruth Trace and Lea Groves**.
- Continued prayers are sought for: **David Wood, Gwen Flowers, Dorothy Archambault, Ruth Steele, Bill Roane, and Roe Roe Tucker**.
- We continue to pray for **essential workers** – doctors, nurses, police, emergency personnel, custodial crews, grocery employees, and others who continue to put themselves at risk for the sake of the community's success. We also pray for those who have been affected by COVID-19.
- Please check our weekly blast to see pictures of John & Judy Meyler's new grand daughter and Hunter Kirstner's wedding.
- Hubert Lathan reported that no memorial service is planned at this time for **Margie Lathan**, and requested that those who would like to contribute to her memory may make donations to Huntington's Disease organization, HDReach at <https://www.hdreach.org/give-hope/donate.html>.
- We pray for those across the country who are affected by racial injustice and events that occur because of it.

Announcements:

- **Next Sunday:**
 - **Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday, November 1, at 2 am.** Make sure to “Fall Back” and set your clocks back an hour or you’ll be early for worship!
 - **All Saints Sunday** – a day in our worship calendar when we recognize and celebrate those whom we love who have died. To honor those whom we love next week, we will need your help. If you would like to recognize a loved one whom has died, please submit a picture to Martha in the church office *no later than Thursday, October 30, at noon* so they may be used during worship next week. The picture can be digital (via email) or framed. Should you like to say a prayer or meet with Pastor Kathryn for prayer and reflection during this week while dropping off the picture, the sanctuary will be open the following times: Monday: 2-3 pm, Wednesday: 1-3 pm, Thursday: 8 am-noon, or by appointment.
 - **Communion** will be celebrated during worship – please make sure to have bread and juice on hand to fully celebrate in the meal together.
 - **Food Drive and Pennies for Hunger collection** will take place immediately following worship until noon. Please plan to drop off canned goods and nonperishable items for Greensboro Urban Ministry and change for Salem Presbytery’s Pennies for Hunger.
- **New Member Class Forming!** Do you consider yourself a part of this Fellowship Family but have never "officially" joined? Do you know someone who you think would like to be a part of this Fellowship Family? Thanks to the virtual nature of our worshipping community, you do not have to live in Greensboro to be considered part of this great family of faith. The first of the New Member classes will be **Wednesday, November 4, from 6:30-8 pm** via Zoom. If you would like more information, please contact Jeanie Harrison or Carol Morgan, co-chairs of the Outreach Committee or talk to Pastor Kathryn.
- **Fellowship’s Women’s Bible Study** new study, **Unshakable Hope** by Max Lucado began October 6th via Zoom. This is a twelve-week study which will be split by a break for the holiday season. Each participant is encouraged to purchase her own book and study guide for this series: they are on Amazon.com for \$12.56 and \$7.55, respectively. All women are invited. If you’re interested in attending, it’s not too late to join! Please contact Mimi Carter to do so.
- **Thanksgiving Baskets:** As in the past, this year Fellowship will be providing a Thanksgiving feast for 10 refugee families in Greensboro. To welcome these new residents of Greensboro, we will deliver food items both traditional American Thanksgiving foods and foods with which they are most familiar. The items listed below may be donated before Friday, November 20: *Jasmine rice, Vegetable Oil, Potatoes, Garlic, Onions*. Much of the menu needs to be purchased just before delivery; because of this, you may also provide monetary donations so the Mission Committee can make those purchases of turkeys, fresh fruit, and other vegetables. Please label your contributions "Thanksgiving Feast." Thank you!
- **Pumpkin Pies for Sale!** Traci Rankins, newest member of the Fellowship Family, is selling pies in time for Thanksgiving! This *Food Network* chef and former co-owner of *Easy Peasy Decadent Desserts* is offering scratch-made 9-inch pumpkin pies for \$25 each, plus tax. They will be delivered on Saturdays in November with the final date of delivery being Wednesday, November 25th, in time for Thanksgiving dinner. If you would like to order a pie, please email Traci directly at cheftraci4u@gmail.com with the number of pies requested as well as the address of delivery. She will be in touch with you for payment and follow-up questions. The best part? *Traci will be donating 10% of all sales to her new church home!*
- **Creative Hearts & Hands** is having a special holiday fundraiser. Holiday-themed facemasks with filters and a wire nose-bridge will be available from Nora Burleson for \$5 each. Proceeds will go to the Creative Hearts & Hands Fund. Please call Nora at (336)375-5518 to order your masks. Pick up and payment will be through the church office. Masks make great stocking stuffers for 2020!

This Week's Events:

- **October 25, 9:30am:** Parking Lot Worship on Facebook Live and Zoom
- **October 27, 6:30pm:** Women's Bible Study via Zoom
- **October 28, 7am:** Men's Faith Exploration Study @ Panera Bread (Lawndale)
- **October 29, 9am & 1:30pm:** Meyler Oil in the Fellowship Hall
- **NOVEMBER 1, 2 AM:** DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME – FALL BACK!
- **November 1, 9:30am:** All Saints Worship with Communion on Facebook Live and Zoom
- **November 1, 11-12noon:** Food Drive and Pennies for Hunger collection

Worship and Building Use Update – September 22, 2020

Part 1: Worship

With the Fellowship Family's health in mind, in conjunction with the CDC, World Health Organization, and Gov. Roy Cooper's office, the Session decided that virtual worship will continue through the current streaming platforms through at least the month of **October** - Session will reevaluate at its July meeting and make its decision on a month-to-month basis. Not only will worship continue to be available through Facebook Live, but will also be streaming through Zoom, should members of the Fellowship Family want to see each other.

Part 2: Building Usage

- **As of September 28th**, the church will allow approved meetings with **groups of 25 or less**, with the following requirements:
 - Everyone who comes into the building **MUST** wear a mask
 - Each meeting must be approved by the church office.
- The meeting room and restrooms are the only areas that are available. It is recommended that one person utilize the restroom at a time
- Each meeting must have a **host**, who is responsible for:
 - Preparing the room
 - Asking all attendees the following health questions, which **must** each be answered in the negative:
 - Have you been around anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19?
 - Do you have a fever or felt feverish in the past 14-21 days?
 - Do you have shortness of breath or other difficulty breathing?
 - Do you have a cough?
 - Are you suffering from other flu-like symptoms such as gastrointestinal upset, headache or fatigue?
 - Have you experienced a recent loss of taste or smell?
 - Have you traveled to any regions affected by COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
 - Taking attendees' temperature (*touchless thermometer is available at the front door with the check-in sheet*)
 - All attendees will complete a sign-in sheet which will be kept in a notebook on the welcome kiosk outside the Day School Office.
 - Explaining the requirements of attendance.
 - Cleaning the room after the meeting (*cleaning supplies available in the meeting rooms*)
- Hosts will need to inform attendees that they may bring their own bottled drinks, but they must take the container home with them. No food or drink may be provided.

- The staff of FPC continue to work hard in the office. Should you need to come to the office to speak with any of them, please plan to abide by the same guidelines as for groups, including wearing a mask and signing in at the kiosk outside of the Day School's office door.
- *Should you have any questions regarding the session's decision, please contact Julie Davis, Clerk of Session, or Pastor Kathryn.*



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