

FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
OF STILLWATER

SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 25, 2020

WELCOME  
TO  
WORSHIP!

Our service begins:  
9:30 a.m. (CDT)

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# Reformation Sunday

## WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY



**Prelude** | Cantabile on We Walk By Faith —James Biery

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

One: Jesus said:  
You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart,  
and with all your soul,  
and with all your mind,  
and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.  
On these two commandments  
hang all of the law and the prophets.

**Hymn** | #817 "We Walk By Faith"

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 And when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you

none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near and seek where you are found.  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

## Confession

**One:** Let us speak the truth about ourselves to our neighbors and to God, acknowledging what we have done and what we have left undone.

**All:** Your holiness, O God, commands that we confess:

We have neither loved our neighbors as ourselves,  
nor honored ourselves as your beloved creation.

We have judged unjustly, regarded others ungenerously,  
profited at the losses of those near and distant,  
borne grudges, desired vengeance,  
and kept silence in the face of wrongdoing.

We long to live in accord with your desire  
that your way of compassion, kindness, and honesty  
will govern our hearts and minds, turning us toward lives of peace.

Forgive us and lead us. Amen.

## Declaration of Forgiveness

**One:** Friends, in the name of Jesus, we are forgiven! Let us live in the light of Christ.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

## Passing the Peace

**One:** The peace of Christ be with you. **All:** And also with you.

**One:** Let us share signs of peace with one another.

## Worshiping With Our Children

### Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Reading | Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. “

**One:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Sermon |** *The Reformed Church Always Reforming* —Rev. Rodger Nishioka, Director of Adult Educational Ministries at Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, KS

**Special Music |** *La Fille aux Cheveux de lin* —Claude Debussy

## Affirmation of Faith —from a *Declaration of Faith*

**All:** The Holy Spirit renews the community of faith.  
The Spirit came with power to the followers of Jesus.  
Led by the apostles they began to proclaim with boldness  
the new thing God had done in Christ.  
They began to experience in their fellowship a new quality of common life.  
We believe that by the power of the same Spirit the church can be set on its way again,  
even when it seems beyond hope of renewal.  
We are grateful heirs of reformations and awakenings.  
We are faithful to the reformers of the past when we hold ourselves open in the present  
to the reforming and renewing work of the Spirit.

## Our Response to God's Generosity

**Offertory** | *Now Thank We All Our God* —arr. Marcel Dupré

## Prayers of the People | The Lord's Prayer

**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 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.

**Closing Hymn | #816 “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”**

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful  
2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful  
3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine

heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -  
hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's  
own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of

tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in  
plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our  
grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er

God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.  
in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.  
yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

## Charge and Benediction

**Postlude** | *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* —arr. John Leavitt

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

*Guest Preacher*—Rev. Rodger Nishioka

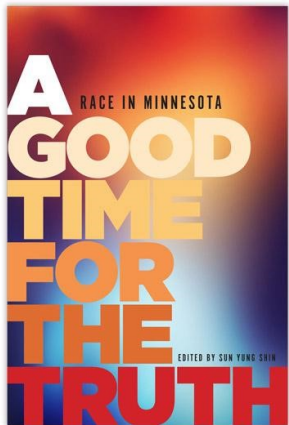
*Organist*— Dr. Laura Edman

*Cantor*—Cindy Thompson

*Director of Music* — Dr. Allan Kellar

*AV Tech*—Isaac Howard

*Special Thanks* — Special thanks to Cindy Thompson, soprano, Karissa Kockelman, harp, and pianist Rebecca Erickson for their gifts of music at this morning's service.



### ***Sunday Adult Christian Education on Zoom***

#### **Race in Minnesota**

Led by: Rev. Dr. Ken McCullen | Log onto Zoom at 10:50 a.m.

With increased attention on anti-racism, the education committee is presenting a two-week study from the book:  
*A Good Time For The Truth: Race in Minnesota*,  
edited by Sun Yung Shin.

People of color are the fastest growing segment of Minnesota's population.

Do we know what it means to be racist?

This anthology of 16 essays was written by Minnesotans who were born here, who came here with parents or came through unfortunate events in their homeland.

**Ken McCullen will make presentations on several of these artistic and accomplished writers on October 25th and November 1st.**

Our meeting begins at 10:50 am.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83066373044>

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### Fall 2020 Sermon Series

What happens when our world falls apart? How do we press onward when our tightly-knit plans unravel into loose threads? What do we become when our identity—or the path we’re on—comes undone?

In our unraveling, sometimes life surprises us with unexpected joy, love, and hope—  
with a new beginning we couldn’t have imagined.

**Join us next Sunday with Pastor Cader Howard, preaching.**

For past sermons in the “Unraveled” series, go to: [www.fpc-stillwater.org/archive](http://www.fpc-stillwater.org/archive)



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We welcome, affirm, and embrace all people regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, faith history, age, family structure, physical or mental ability, economic circumstances, education levels, or any other labels placed on humanity.

Come just as you are and join us as we seek to follow Jesus as creators of justice, joy, compassion, and peace. You have a place set at the table, and we await you with joy!



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