

Kent United Church of Christ

AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING, ACCESSIBLE TO ALL, W.I.S.E., and CREATION JUSTICE CONGREGATION

REFORMATION SUNDAY October 26, 2025 10am

PRELUDE "Sarabande" from Suite No. 6 in D Major J.S. Bach, arr. Gale

BELLS

GREETING Rev. Amy Gopp, senior minister

INTROIT This is the Day the Lord has Made Marty Haugen

*CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Peck, liturgist

We gather this day remembering not only a moment in history, but a movement of the Spirit—a Spirit that called the church to be reshaped by grace, and still calls us to be transformed by humility and justice.

We come as people always reforming,

not by our own righteousness,

but by the mercy of God.

The Pharisee stood tall, proud of his piety—the tax collector bowed low, aware of his need. Jesus lifts up the humble and brings down the proud.

Let us not trust in our own goodness, but in the grace that makes us whole.

Let us worship the God who reforms hearts, rebuilds communities, and renews the church.

*OPENING HYMN #251

I Greet You, Sure Redeemer

TOULON

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bill Peck

Holy One, in this season of reformation, we confess how quickly we become like the Pharisee—measuring our worth by what we do, and looking down on others we deem unworthy.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We want to be right, but we forget how to be humble.

We speak of change, but resist it when it costs us comfort.

We build monuments to tradition

but often ignore the call to justice in our streets.

Forgive us when we confuse reform with control, and faithfulness with fear.
Create in us hearts that are teachable, spirits that are soft, and courage to be made new.

God, be merciful to us, sinners and saints alike.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST The peace of the Lord be with you all. **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Emily, associate pastor for faith formation

"Jesus Loves the Little Children" is sung to bless the children.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS INTO THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Luke 18:9-14

Here ends the reading from God's word.

Thanks be to God, who is still speaking.

SERMON "The Dream That Humbles Us All" Pastor Amy

ANTHEM God is Our Refuge Allen Pote

Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Amy

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kin-dom 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

HYMN OF COMMITMENT #400 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

REGENT SQUARE

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Don and Nancy Bubenzer

VOLUNTARY The Ch

The Church is One Foundation Handbell Choir

Kevin McChesney

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Amy

*CLOSING HYMN #439

A Mighty Fortress in Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Amy

*POSTLUDE

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Our service has ended. Now our service begins. You are the Body of Christ, and the whole world awaits you.

The flowers today are an offering from Jeff and Sally Saltzman with glory to God and in celebration of the beauty of autumn.

Please join us immediately after worship for our chili luncheon in VanMeter Hall.





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