

Men We believe that separation and hatred between people and groups is sin, already conquered by Christ. Anything threatening our unity has no place in the church.

ALL **With believers in every time and place we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen

A BLESSING OF THE FAMILIES

All families present in worship this morning are welcome to come forward for a blessing. You can bring forward your nuclear family or your claimed family. For our families joining us at home you can list your family names in the chat window for a blessing.

OFFERTORY *Faith of Our Fathers* arr. Warriner

***DOXOLOGY** Hymn #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Martin Luther)**

Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these your gifts which we receive from your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #649** *Amazing Grace*

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

***BENEDICTION**

***RECESSIONAL** *Highland Cathedral*

***Please stand if able.**

All of the Liturgy this morning is taken from the writings of the early Reformers in the 16th century; Calvin, Luther, Zwingli & Ursinus.

OUR GUEST BAGPIPER this morning is Roy Knighting.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given by Josie and Sam Miller and dedicated in loving honor of their granddaughter Michaela's 13th birthday.

OUR ACOLYTE TODAY is Sarah Robert.

OUR USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER are Susie Hubbard, Janet LaPrade, Valerie Rogers and Skip Wodke.

OUR ELDERS ON DUTY FOR OCTOBER are Gracie Lanier, Bob Lockridge and Valerie Rogers.

WORSHIP BAGS are available in a basket in the Narthex for children who stay in the sanctuary during worship. They contain tools for worship and items to foster creativity. Enjoy the bags, and at the end of worship, please return them to the basket.

HEARING DEVICES are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BULLETINS are available from the ushers.

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 Serving Christ
 Transforming Lives*

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The Service for the Lord's Day
Reformation Sunday
October 29, 2023

PRELUDE *Prelude on "Martyrdom"* Wilson

WELCOME Anghaarad Teague Dees

ANNOUNCEMENTS Anghaarad Teague Dees

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Bob Lockridge

*PASSING OF THE PEACE Anghaarad Teague Dees

We offer God's peace to one another in the ancient words of the church:

"The peace of Christ be with you." & response "And also with you."

PROCESSIONAL *The Water is Wide*

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP Ben Bailey, Liturgist

L: God of Sarah and Hagar,

P: **We praise you for protecting and guiding us.**

L: God of Moses and Miriam,

P: **We thank you for liberating your children from oppression.**

L: God of Peter and Paul,

P: **We bless you even in the midst of conflict.**

L: God of Hildegard and Julian,

P: **We glory in your tangible presence among us.**

L: God of Luther and Calvin,

P: **We rejoice in your Spirit's presence in all times and places.**

L: Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End,

P: **Holy God, we welcome you to this place today!**

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Ulrich Zwingli) Ben Bailey, Liturgist

Living God, help us hear your holy Word with open hearts so that we may truly understand; and, understanding, that we may believe; and, believing, that we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience. Seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

CALL TO CONFESSION (Reformed Church of Zurich)

Ben Bailey, Liturgist

We acknowledge and confess before God's divine majesty that we are poor sinners, prone to evil and ever falling short of goodness. We pray that God's grace may bring help to our distress. Let us pray together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (John Calvin)

O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and deplore our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true penitence, entreating that your grace may relieve our distress. Be pleased to have compassion on us, O most gracious God, Father of all mercies, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And as you remove our guilt and our pollution, grant us the daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, that acknowledging from our inmost hearts our own unrighteousness, we may be touched with sorrow that shall work true repentance, and that, mortifying all sins within us, your Spirit may produce the fruits of holiness and righteousness well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(Please take a moment of silence for personal confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Heidelberg Catechism) Ben Bailey, Liturgist

What is your only comfort in life and in death? **That I am not my own but belong body and soul, in life and in death to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to life for him.**

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Skip Wodke

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22:34-46 Bible, page 30

Ben Bailey

ANTHEM *O For a Closer Walk With Thee* Scottish Psalter

Gerald Doyle, soloist

SCRIPTURE READING Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 Bible, page 757

SERMON Together: We Are Better Anghaarad Teague Dees

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.

*HYMN #275 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(a litany from all of the Confessions from the Book of Confession)

One We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

ALL **We confess and acknowledge one God alone, distinct in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, to whom alone we must cleave, and in whom alone we put our trust.**

One We believe that, we belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

Women *We believe that, all things are governed by the Providence of God.*

ALL **We believe that, the Lord our God was pleased to make a second covenant of grace, wherein he freely offered unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ.**

Men We believe that, the chief end of humankind is to glorify God, and to enjoy God forever.

ALL **We believe that there is but one only, the living and true God.**

God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness and perfection, all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

One The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.

ALL **We believe that, the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ**

has set the pattern for the church's mission.

Women *We believe that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ.*

Through the work of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force. At the same time, unity must be earnestly pursued and sought. Our unity must become visible to the world.

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