



REFORMATION SUNDAY

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020

— Gathering —

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

OPENING SENTENCES

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains crumble into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and rage,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of our ancestors is our refuge.
Praise the Lord!

MUSIC

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist, Lynn Tieken

O God, you are infinite, eternal and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth. Your works everywhere praise you, and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior. Therefore, we praise you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

People of faith, confident in this gift of grace let us confess our sin to the One who redeems us.

Lord Jesus, you have revealed the truth to us and set us free to love you and one another. But we live as if we are still slaves to sin. We are shackled by our own self-interest; we deprive the vulnerable of resources that you have given us to share. We are bound by prejudice; we deprive your children of the dignity you have given them. We are held captive to fear; we refuse opportunities to participate in your reign of grace. Speak to us again, we pray, and write your word upon our hearts until the truth we proclaim sets us free to follow you faithfully.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Heirs of the covenant, both claimed and called, inscribe this truth upon your hearts:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

— Word —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Our first reading is from the book of Leviticus chapter 19, verses 1 and 2, continuing with verses 15 through 18. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Listen to the word of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Our gospel reading is from the gospel according to Matthew chapter 22, verses 34 through 46.

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

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ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

— Response —

MUSIC

LITANY FOR REFORMATION SUNDAY

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Holy God, One-in-Three and Three-in-One, hear us as we pray saying: Holy, triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for wisdom for our national leaders and all those in positions of authority...

Holy, triune God, **hear our prayer.**

For peaceful existence and just wages for all...

Holy, triune God, **hear our prayer.**

For goodwill partnerships between neighbors near and far...

Holy, triune God, **hear our prayer.**

For an end to gun violence...

Holy, triune God, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are suffering due to the coronavirus...

Holy, triune God, **hear our prayer.**

For peaceful protesters seeking justice ...

Holy, triune God, **hear our prayer.**

For the police officers working to contain wanton violence...

Holy, triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the helpers on every front.

For the fast food workers, earning subsistence wages and staying on the clock so the rest of us may shelter in place.

For the nurses, doctors and medical staff, struggling to stay ahead of the virus.

For those who shine as bright beacons amid the darkness of chaos.

The ones who sit, the ones who protect, the ones who speak softly.

For the triumphs and discouragements we hold quietly in our hearts...

Holy, triune God, **hear our prayer.**

May our anger, sorrow, and disillusionment be united in working towards peace.

Holy, triune God, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, continue to pour out your power in the church, in the world, and in our daily lives, so all will know that you are at work among us; through Jesus Christ, our living Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER—UNISON

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.

MUSIC

Joshua Allen

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

While we continue to worship in this adapted format, our mission inside and outside of the church building continues. Thank you for your consistent and generous gifts of time, talent and treasure!

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of the harvest, you are continually planting the seeds of your love in our world and in our lives. As we bring our gifts to you, may they be seeds of your grace, peace, and hope, planted deeply in our community. **Amen.**

— Sending —

BLESSING AND CHARGE

MUSIC

“Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences”

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