

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our eternal dwelling place;
from age to age, the Lord is our God.
God has done great things for us;
therefore we rejoice in the Lord.
Be glad and rejoice in the Lord our God,
who pours down grace in abundance.

*OPENING PRAYER

Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, Almighty God, to rule and direct us according to your will, to comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, to defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth; that we, being steadfast in the faith, may increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WELCOME

*HYMN # 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, O Holy Spirit, and open our hearts to your word. Open our ears to your Wisdom as she sings to us of your goodness. Open our mouths so that we may breathe in your hope and breathe out your love. Open our minds that we might be challenged by your call. Open us up, so that we may be opened up for the sake of the world. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Hebrews 7:23-28 (p. 222, New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."
The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.
Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev.
Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:46-52 (p. 47, New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

*HYMN # 260

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Just A Closer Walk

N. Price, D. Besig

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!**

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

(see insert)

SENDING

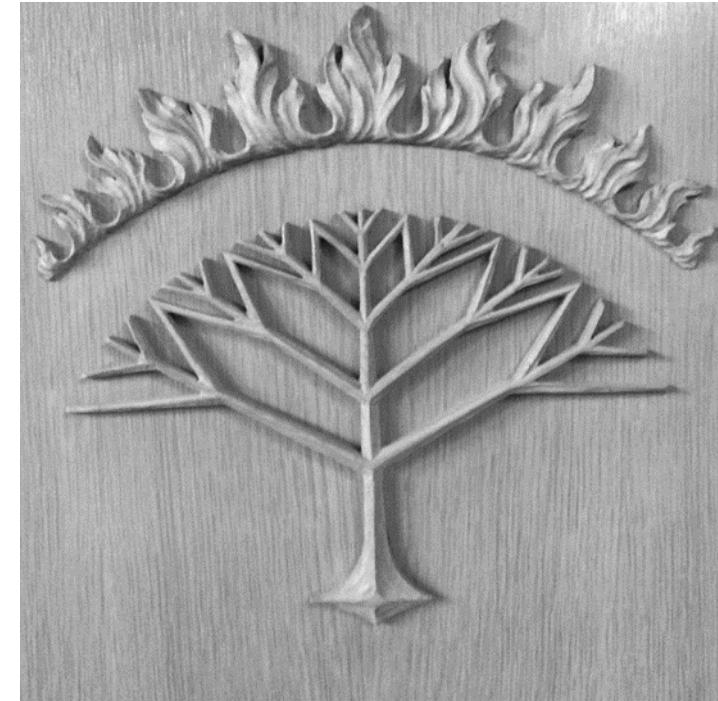
*HYMN(see insert)

God, The Sculptor Of The Mountains

JENNINGS-HOUSTON

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE



ORDER OF WORSHIP
REFORMATION SUNDAY

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