

## Worship on Reformation Sunday, October 27, 2024

The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson, Designated Term Pastor  
Diane Dawson Dexter, Organist

**Prelude** "Deep River" African-American Spiritual

### Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship** Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers, **but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his word they meditate day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

**In all that they do, they prosper.**

### Prayer of the Day

**Creator God, you have filled the world with beauty! Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works, that rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness, for the sake of him by whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.**

**Hymn 110** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

**Prayer of Confession** (adapted from John Calvin)

Our good God, we bow before your majesty, in recognition of our faults, praying that you may make us feel them so that we may be drawn to true repentance. Help us by your Spirit so that we may not seek anything except to serve and honor you and your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May you be pleased to bear with our weaknesses and pardon us for the vices which remain in our hearts, until you have completely purged us of them. May you continue your grace until you receive us to yourself and bring us fully into your heavenly realm. Amen.

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

### Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament** Jeremiah 31:7-9

**New Testament** Hebrews 7:23-28

**Sermon** "The Heart of Luther and the Mind of Calvin"

**Affirmation of Faith** *Genevan Confession of Faith, 1536*

First, we affirm that we desire to follow Scripture alone as rule of faith and religion, without mixing with it any other thing which might be devised by the opinion of people apart from the Word of God, and without wishing to accept for our spiritual government any other doctrine than what is conveyed to us by the same Word without addition or diminution, according to the command of our Lord. ...

We acknowledge that there is only one God, whom we are to worship and serve, and in whom we are to put all our confidence and hope; having this assurance, that in him alone is contained all wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy. And since God is spirit, he is to be served in spirit and in truth.

Therefore we think it an abomination to put our confidence or hope in any created thing, to worship anything else than God, whether angels or any other creatures, and to recognize any other Savior of our souls than him alone, whether saints or men living upon earth; and likewise to offer the service, which ought to be rendered to him, in external ceremonies or worldly observances ... or to make an image to represent his divinity or any other image for adoration.

**Offertory** "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

### Doxology

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Dear God, you have graciously reconciled us to yourself through your Son, Jesus Christ, and you provide for our needs. In gratitude for your goodness, we share our gifts for the mission of the church in his name. Amen.**

Hymn 389 "Freely, Freely"

Sharing Joys and Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

Hymn 157 "Jesus Shall Reign"

Benediction Dr. Anderson

Postlude "Celebration" David Paxton

### Church Calendar

Sunday, October 27 **Sunday School** 9:00-9:45  
Dr. Clifford Anderson will lead a Halloween-themed discussion based on Ryan J. Stark's *A Guidebook to Monsters* (2024).  
**Worship** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. and **Fellowship** 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 30 **Bible Study** 9:00–10:00 a.m.  
All are invited to our hybrid discussion of Chapter 9, "Listening: How to Hear God" in *How to Pray* by Pete Greig.

Thursday, October 31 **Tots Time** 10:00–11:00 a.m.  
Toddlers and caregivers are welcome to join us for play time.

Sunday, November 3 **Intuitive Collage** 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Amy Harris leads this opportunity for creative self-expression.

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