

Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

~ a community of faith coming together,
for fellowship, study and service . . .
seeking God's peace, justice and love ~

Protestant Reformers



Martin Luther
(1483-1546)

Ulrich Zwingli
(1484-1531)

John Calvin
(1509-1564)

Reformation Day

October 31, 2021



Ekklesia Reformata
Semper Reformanda



A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS:

We extend a warm welcome from Bethel Presbyterian Church!
We invite you to participate in signing the Friendship Folders adding your name
and address and if you desire a church newsletter or a pastoral call.

When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we say "sins...sin against us"
rather than "debts..." or "trespasses..."

Prayer requests can be noted on the cards provided in the pew racks
and placed in the offering plate.

The Service for the Lord's Day
Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Reformation Day

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
October 31, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.

** Indicates congregation standing if able.
Congregational responses indicated in bold.*

GATHERING AND GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship (*L = Leader, P = People*)

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: One generation shall laud your works to another,

P: and shall declare your mighty acts.

L: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

**P: Let us also lay aside every weight,
and the sin that clings so closely,**

L: and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

P: looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

L: Praise the Lord.

All: The Lord's name be praised.

Prayer of Invocation

Let us pray:

O God, on this special day we praise you

for the courage of the men and women that have given birth
to reformations in your Church throughout the ages.

May your Holy Spirit so inspire us today

to work for needed changes in the Body of Christ,
as we remember that the Church reformed is always reforming,
by the power of your Son. Amen.

Hymn No. 385 “ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL”

Old Hundredth

(verses 1 & 4)

*All peo-ple that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheer-ful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell.
Come ye be-fore him and re-joice.*

*For why? The Lord, our God, is good;
his mer-cy is for-ev-er sure;
his truth at all times firm-ly stood,
and shall from age to age en-dure.*

Call to Confession

Holy Scripture declares,

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Therefore let us bow in humble confession of our sins.

Prayer of Confession

God of our fathers and our mothers: throughout the ages you have raised up brave and able men and women to change your Church for the better. We confess that we need new reformation. We are content with easy religion, with too much money and too little love; we have cultivated indifference.

Let your Word shake us up and your Spirit so renew us, that we may repent, know better faith and courage, and never shrink from sacrifice; in the name of Jesus Christ, our only Savior.

L: Lord, have mercy.

P: Christ, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Sung Response "I GREET THEE, WHO MY SURE REDEEMER ART"

(No. 624, verse one)

*I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,
my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,
who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.*

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news.

Holy Scripture declares,

"God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him."

In Christ's name I declare pardon and peace
to all who repent and trust him. Amen.

Sung Response No. 642 "HELELUYAN" Refrain

*He-le-lu-yan, we are sing-ing.
He-le, he-le-lu-yan. He-le-lu-yan,
now and al-ways. He-le, he-le-lu-yan.*

Native American

Prayer for Illumination

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your word.

Silence in us all thoughts but your own,
that, hearing, we may also obey your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Prophet Habakkuk 2:1-4 *God's Reply to the Prophet's Complaint* Pg. 821

Hymn No. 45

“I TO THE HILLS WILL LIFT MY EYES”
(Psalm 21)

DUNDEE

*I to the hills will lift my eyes;
From whence shall come my aid?
My help is from the Lord a-lone,
who heaven and earth has made.*

*God will not let your foot be moved;
your guard-ian nev-er sleeps;
God's watch-ful and un-slum-bering care
pro-TECTS and safe-ly keeps.*

*Your faith-ful keep-er is the Lord,
your shel-ter and your shade.
'Neath sun or moon, by day or night,
you shall not be a-fraid.*

*From e-vil God will keep you safe,
pro-vide for all you need.
Your go-ing out, your com-ing in,
God will for-ev-er lead.*

Readings from Holy Scripture

Epistle Ephesians 2:1-20 *“From Death to Life”*

Pg. 181

Sermon: “The Protestant Contribution”

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (*Traditional*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

In gratitude to God for all our blessings showered upon us in love,
let us bring now our gifts.

Prayer of Dedication

God of great love and grace, receive these our gifts,
and with them, our hearts and lives,
using them and us, by your Holy Spirit,
in the coming of your promised realm of eternal peace and joy
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn No. 275

“A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD”

*A might-y for-tress is our God,
a bul-wark nev-er fail-ing.
Our help-er he, a-mid the flood
of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing.
For still our an-cient foe
doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great,
and armed with cru-el hate,
on earth is not his e-qual.*

*That word a-bove all earth-ly powers,
no thanks to them a-bid-eth.
The Spir-it and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sid-eth.
Let goods and kin-dred go,
this mor-tal life al-so.
The bod-y they may kill;
God's truth a-bid-eth still.
His king-dom is for-ev-er.*

* Charge and Benediction

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage.
Hold on to what is good. Return no one evil for evil.
Strengthen the fainthearted,
support the weak, help the suffering.
Love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God the Father,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with and remain with you always. Amen.

Postlude

MUSIC ATTRIBUTIONS

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