

**REFORMATION SUNDAY |** *On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther famously posted his 95 Theses on the church door at Wittenberg – an action which helped spark the Protestant Reformation. We are indebted to Reformers like Luther for their courageous stand for the purity of the Gospel against the civil and ecclesiastical forces of their day. Armed only with an unshakable confidence in God and his Word, many of these men were persecuted, some even giving up their lives. The liturgical color of Reformation Sunday, red, traditionally symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit and reminds us that the Reformation was truly a breaking in of the Spirit to preserve God’s people.*

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### prelude

ANNA FLYNN

*As the music plays, please quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship, lifting your thoughts up from the cares of this world.*

*Amazing Grace* – Traditional, arranged by George Miladin

*How Firm a Foundation* – Joseph Funk, arranged by Cindy Berry

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### preparing our hearts

...[T]hanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

– 1 Corinthians 15:57-58 ESV

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### \*\* call to worship

*Leader:* Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely,

**All: And let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,**

*Leader:* Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,

**All: Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

– Hebrews 12:1-2 ESV

*Leader:* We are gathered here in the unchanging Name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit. Amen.

\*\* Please stand if you are able

## A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabbaoth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us:  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth:  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

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## **choral invocation**

*We Are Not Alone* – Pepper Choplin

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* Return to me, says the LORD of hosts, and I will return to you. Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets cried out, “Thus says the LORD of hosts, Return from your evil ways and from your evil deeds.”

– From Zechariah 1:3-4 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** Waken our hearts, O Lord, our God; make them ever watchful to serve you and your purposes. Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and work. Trouble us with the greatness of your command to make disciples of all nations. Trouble us with your great love for sinners and our own slowness to make you our greatest love. Trouble us with the brevity of our lives and our time, talent, and treasure not invested in eternity.

Comfort us by drawing us to yourself with the cords of your unfailing mercy. Comfort us, O Lord, when we suffer and are afflicted, with the assurance of our salvation and unending glory with you. Rekindle in us a renewed desire for the coming of your glorious kingdom when all wrongs will be made right, when everything that is broken will be made whole, and when we will trade a cross for a crown. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

– Adapted from the prayers of Martin Luther

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* O People of God, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

– Adapted from Psalm 130:7 ESV

**All:** Thanks be to God!

## THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,  
She is his new creation by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore:  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
And mystic, sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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*Leader:* Ephesians 2:1-10  
This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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prayer

*An officer of the church prays for the world, nation, community, and church. As the presider prays, whenever you hear him say "Lord, have mercy," please reply by saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."*

*Leader:* Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus, who prayed saying,

**All: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name;  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,  
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

**Candidate for baptism** | Peyton Carter Lipsey

**Candidates for communing membership** | Saryn Greene, Max Johnson, and Peyton Lipsey

**Matthew 28:18-20** <sup>ESV</sup> | And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

**Romans 6:4-5** <sup>ESV</sup> | We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

### VOWS FOR COMMUNING MEMBERS

All those who are joining the church as communing members for the first time, whether through baptism, profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or transfer of membership, must affirm the following vows:

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolved and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and the discipline of the church and promise to study its purity and peace?

*Leader:* Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” In a world filled with trouble, let us encourage one another to look to the one who has overcome the world. May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

While your children are welcome and encouraged to worship with you, at this time they can be dismissed for an age-appropriate worship for ages 3-5.

If you would like to hear more about CPC or would like to let us know of a prayer need, please include your contact information or prayer request in the welcome pad when it comes around to you.

*When instructed, greet those around you, saying, “The peace of Christ be with you.” When the music begins, please be seated and prepare yourself for the hearing of God’s Word.*

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## **missions update**

MARCUS & HEATHER RUDD

*Heather and Marcus Rudd (and their two wonderful children Calder and Samantha), are members of our congregation who currently serve as missionaries in Reynosa, Mexico. They work with Isaiah 55 Ministries to help preach the Gospel through vocational classes for Reynosa teenagers, a deaf school, and a community outreach center.*

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**Series** | “Looking to Jesus: The Founder and Perfecter of Our Faith”

**Sermon** | “Faith Alone”

**October 27, 2019**

**Hebrews 11:1-7** <sup>ESV</sup> | 1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 For by it the people of old received their commendation. 3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

4 By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. 5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. 6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. 7 By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

*Leader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God!**

1. What Faith Is
2. What Faith Does

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Leader:* Christian, what do you believe?

**All:** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
And born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
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 the life everlasting. Amen.

\* Here, "catholic" means "universal," and refers to the Christian church in all places

## WELCOME TO HIS TABLE

*The Lord's Supper is a family meal for Christians – a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that His work alone has made us right with God. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, please use this time to meditate on the following prayer.*

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please remain seated for communion. As a symbol of our unity in Christ, wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. Once you are finished with your cup, please pass it to the inside aisles and the ushers will retrieve them.*

*If you have a gluten allergy, there are gluten-free wafers available in the center of the bread trays. During the celebration of communion, we will reflect during the passing of the bread and sing the printed hymn during the passing of the cup.*

***NOTE TO PARENTS:*** *To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the elders of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.*

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

– Matthew 26:26-29 ESV

*Minister:* Let us lift up our hearts.

**People:** We lift them up to the Lord.

*Minister:* Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

**People:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Minister:* Let us pray.

**All:** Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and the cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in this world.

*Minister:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*As the bread is distributed, examine your heart and reflect on the meaning of this supper, that you would take it in a worthy manner.*

*As the cup is distributed, sing as one body, affirming that in Christ we are united to him and to one another.*

### AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his Word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

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## HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said – you, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of grief shall not thee overflow  
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to break, I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

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## **announcements**

*Please note the announcements found on Pages 17-20 of your bulletin.*

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## **\*\* benediction**

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## **\*\*doxology**

**All: 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.**