

# REFORMATION SUNDAY BULLETIN

## OCTOBER 28, 2018

### WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

**REFORMATION SUNDAY** – The last Sunday in October when Protestants celebrate God the Holy Spirit’s renewal and reforms of the Christian Church throughout the ages. It marks the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther, a radical Roman Catholic monk, priest, and scholar, posted his 95 theses on the chapel door in Wittenberg, Germany. This Sunday celebrates the Protestant principle: *Ecclesia Semper Reformanda Est* (Latin for "the church must always be reformed").

**Gathering and Prelude**      “How Great Is Our God”  
*Arranged by Jack Schrader.*      Barbara Karlin, Guest Organist

**Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time**      Brice Smith

**\*Opening Song**      “A Mighty Fortress”      507

**\*Call to Worship**      *David’s Song of Thanks*

I love you, Lord God, and you make me strong.

**You are my mighty rock, my fortress, my protector, the rock where I am safe, my shield, my powerful weapon, and my place of shelter.**

I praise you, Lord! I prayed, and you rescued me from my enemies.

**I was in terrible trouble when I called out to you, but from your temple, you heard me and answered my prayer.**

You are the living Lord! I will praise you. You are a mighty rock. I will honor you for keeping me safe.

**I will praise you, Lord, and I will honor you among the nations.**

**Psalm 18:1-3, 6, 46, 49 (Contemporary English Version)**

**\*Invocational Prayer**

**Song of Faith**      “Faith of Our Fathers”      530

**Community and Congregational Prayer – OUR FATHER**, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom comes, 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever.

### WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

**A Reading from the Old Testament**      Job 42:1-7, 34-41

**A Reading from the Apostles** Nancy Cottril Hebrews 7:23-28

**\*A Reading from the Gospel**      Mark 10:46-52

**\*Responsorial**      “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”      BH308

**Invitation & Dedication of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings**

**Offertory Prayer – May your praise be continually in our mouths, your love forever in our hearts, your word forever on our minds, your spirit forever urging us into acts of giving – and my each of these gifts find a holy purpose in the growth and glory of your kingdom. Amen.**

**Offertory Special**      “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”  
*Arranged by Herbert Colvin.*      Barbara Karlin, Guest Organist

**Children’s Message**      (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and younger to Junior Church)

**The Message**      “Overcoming People Who Stand in the Way”  
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

### RESPONDING TO THE LORD IN FAITH AND SERVICE

**\*Invitation to Christian Faith and Discipleship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to follow Christ in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

