

REFORMATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 31, 2021

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name

*Hymn #507 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" *EIN FESTE BURG*
Matthew Smith, Choir Director

*Call to Worship

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Let there be unity and agreement among all people!

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Let us love God with all our hearts!

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Let there be harmony in God's sanctuary!

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Let us love God with all our minds!

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Indeed, you shall love the Lord with all your soul and with all your strength!

Let all who trust in God be filled with joy!

Let us love the Lord, who reigns forever!

Let us love our neighbors as ourselves! Amen and Amen!

†Adapted from Timothy Matthew Slemmons, "When Heaven Stands Open: Liturgical Elements for Reformed Worship." Cascade Books: 2013. Used with Permission. All rights reserved.

*Opening Prayer The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

Songs of Faith "God of Wonders" and "In Christ Alone" Worship Team

Mission Moment World Mission Offering Video

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND 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
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

Scripture Reader: Sonia Roling

The First Reading Ruth 1:1-18

The Second Reading Hebrews 9:11-14

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ Mark 12:28-34

*Responsorial #734 "Glory Be to the Father" *GREATOREX*

Stewardship Testimony Rexanne Greuter

Offering - Giving our Tithes, Gifts, and Donations to the Lord (Collection plates are in the front and back of the sanctuary, and you can also give online).

Prayer of Dedication[†]: Holy and Eternal Spirit, in whom our Lord Jesus Christ made the perfect offering of eternal love, we thank you for all that you have done and for all that you are doing on our behalf, and on behalf of this troubled world. **As our hands lift up these gifts to you, let our minds and hearts so join in the Spirit of Christ's perfect outpouring, that we may glorify you as he does, in unity, in harmony, in truth, in joy, in love, and in spirit. Amen.**

Offertory Special #34 "Doxology" *OLD 100TH*

Children's Sermon (Kids 3rd Grade and Younger can walk to Children's Church)

Prayer & Message "How Much More...the Blood of Jesus Christ"
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

***Invitation to Faith and Fellowship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or for you to join this Christian Church, please come forward.

*Hymn "Faith is the Victory"

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

*Please stand if able

HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

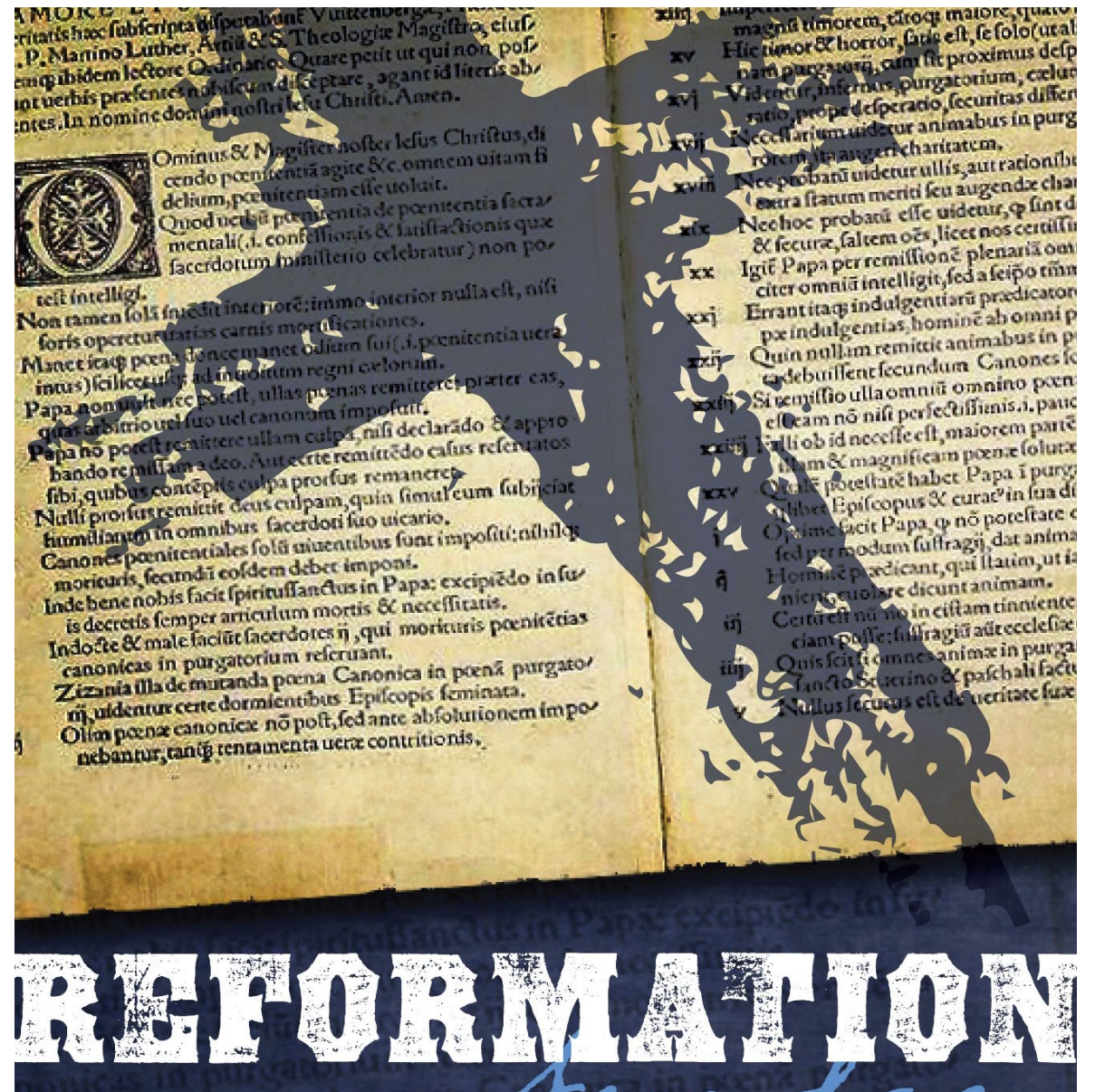
GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) which have hurt God and others. Apologize to God and turn away from harmful behavior and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God the credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer and Redeemer (Savior) and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator, or come forward at a meeting of the congregation. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.



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