

REFORMATION SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 30, 2022  
WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Janice Hedberg, Organist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

\*Gathering Song (Stand) WORSHIP TEAM  
"In Christ Alone"  
"What A Beautiful Name"

\*Call to Worship (Stand)

The Lord is righteous, and his judgements are right.

**God's justice is everlasting, and his law is truth.**

Be zealous for the Lord and do not forget the words of God.

**Those who are small and those who are humble**

**Will not forget your precepts, O Lord.**

The promise of the Lord is tried and true.

**Give us understanding that we may live**

**In light of the promise of your approaching return!**

\*Opening Prayer (Stand)

Songs of Faith # 507 EIN'FESTE BURG  
"A Mighty Fortress"

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Sonia Roling

The First Reading Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

The Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 1: 1 -4, 11 – 12

\*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand) Luke 19:1-10

\*Responsorial (Stand) "Zacchaeus Was a Wee Little Man"

\*Greeting and Sharing Peace with Family and Neighbors (Stand)

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

**Announcements & Prayers of the Community 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, the power, and the glory forever.

**Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations** – The salvation of God is evident in our lives when we are freed from the fetters of worldly accumulation and freely give with the generosity of those who know their treasurer is stored up in heaven. Therefore, let us use our earthly wealth in ways that demonstrate where our true citizenship lies, under the lordship of the One who has given us all things.



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Offertory Janice Hedberg, Organist

Prayer of Illumination and The Message

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING 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 encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

\***Closing Hymn (Stand) #350** KELVINGROVE  
"The Summons"

\*Spoken Benediction (Stand)

\*Postlude Janice Hedberg, Organist

*\*Stand when 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:

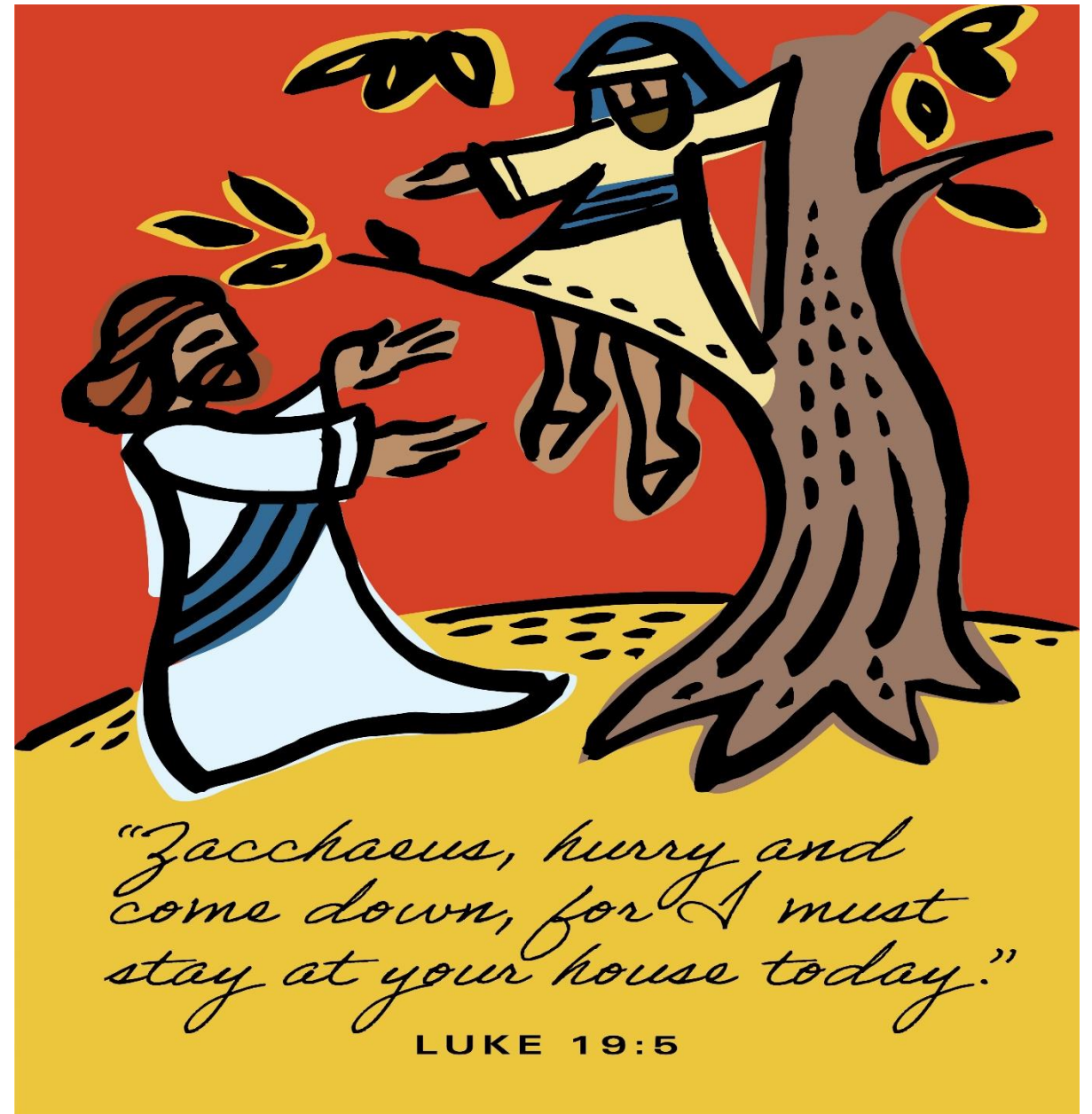
1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) which have hurt God and others. Apologize to God, turn away from harmful behavior, and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God 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).
5. **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 covenant of this may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator or come forward at a congregation meeting. 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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