REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 25, 2026 | PROPER 25

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

**All those able, please stand*

Preparing for Worship: On Reformation Sunday, the Church remember that the Holy Spirit is always calling us back to the heart of the gospel: ***loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and loving our neighbor as ourselves.*** By grace through faith, Christ continually renews us, calling us beyond empty religion into lives shaped by Scripture, humility, justice, and love.

Prelude **Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist**

Welcome and Greetings in Jesus' Name

***Opening Hymn #** **"The God of Abraham Praise"**

***Opening Prayer (Stand)**

Song of Faith # 592 **"Refiner's Fire"** *REFINER'S FIRE*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Lois Beames

The First Reading **Deuteronomy 34:1-12**

The Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 2:1-8**

Gospel Reader: Deacon Janelle Hood

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ** **Matthew 22:34-46**

***Responsorial # 559** **"More Love to Thee, O Christ"** *MORE LOVE TO THEE*

***Greeting our Family and Neighbors (Stand)**

The Children's Sermon (Kids Preschool–3rd Grade go to Children's Church)

Announcements, Prayers of the People 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, the power, and the glory forever. *Amen.*

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations – With grateful hearts, let us offer our tithes, gifts, and offerings, asking God to bless and use the work of our hands for God's purposes and the good of others, as the Psalmist wrote, "*Establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands!*" — Psalm 90:17

Offertory and *Doxology

A Prayer of Illumination: Almighty God, your Son has shown us how to love one another. May our love for you overflow into joyous service and be a healing witness to our neighbors, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Message **"The Heart of Following Jesus"**
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes it's the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'Let's look at this differently.'" — Mary Anne Radmacher

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND 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.

***Hymn (Stand) # 536** **"Lord I Want to be a Christian"**
I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

***Spoken Benediction**

Postlude **Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist**

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HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

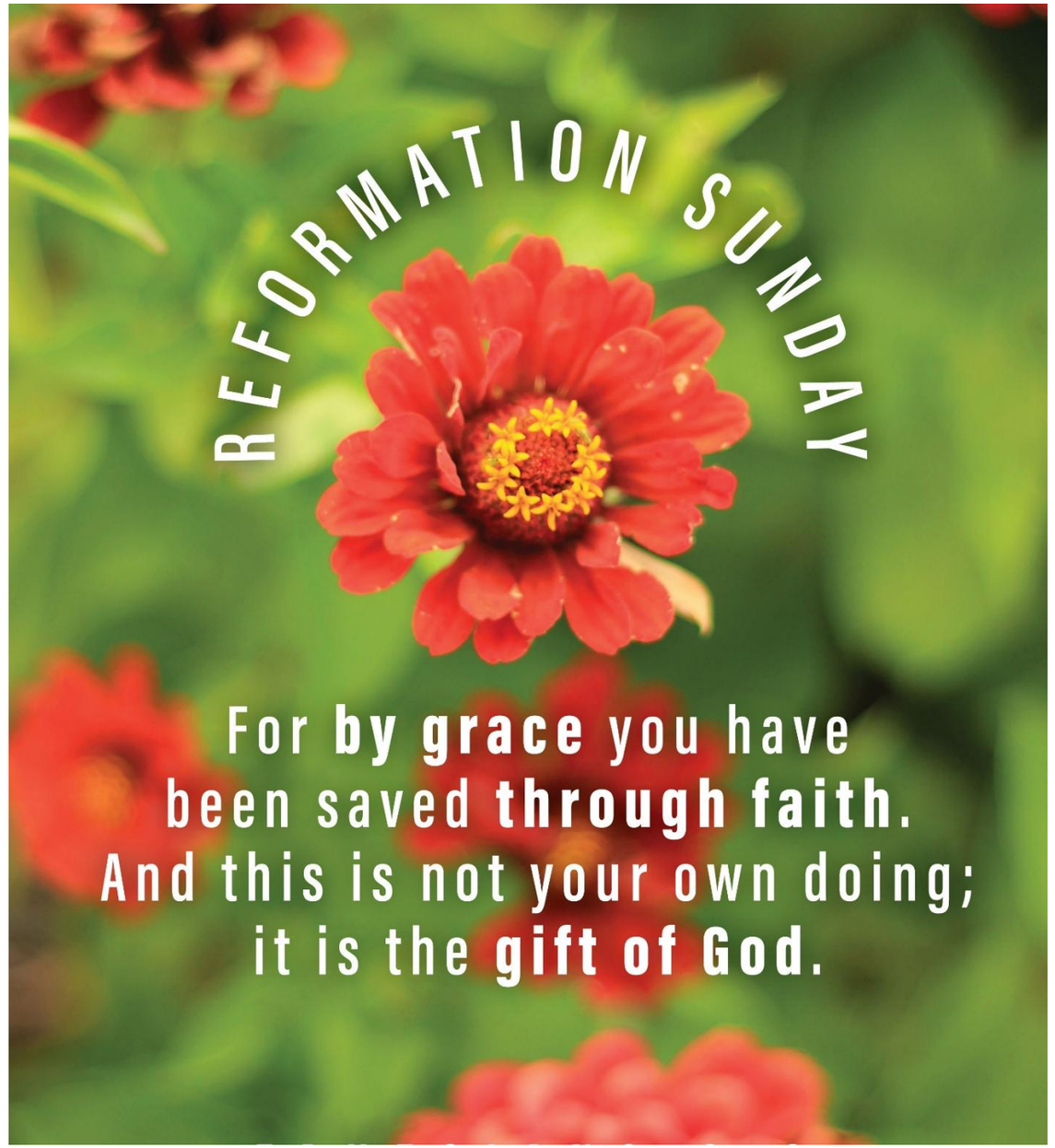
GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) that 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 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, 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 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.

OUR MISSION – We love God, and we love People, by sharing the Good News of God's forgiving, renewing love in Jesus Christ by word and deed to improve the lives of neighbors. West Side Baptist Church is an independent, autonomous Christian church partnering for mission support with like-minded people of faith in our City, County, State, Nation, and World.

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