

New Hope Presbyterian Church  
Order of Worship  
October 25, 2020  
Reformation Sunday

Prelude/Announcements

Interlude

Call to worship:

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.  
The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing our hearts.  
The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.  
In keeping God's word, there is great reward.  
Let us therefore bow down and worship our Maker,  
Our Rock and our Redeemer. Alleluia! Amen.

Hymn #26

A Mighty Fortress is our God

verse 1:

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 pow'r are great,  
And, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

verse 2:

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 Sabaoth His name,  
From age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

verse 3:

And tho this world, with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph thru 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.

verse 4:

That word above all earthly pow'rs,  
No thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Thru 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.

TEXT: Martin Luther; translated by Frederick H. Hedge; based on Psalm 46  
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## Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned and not always acted like Your followers. We have followed too much the dvices and desires of our own hearts. We have disobeyed Your word. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us and restore us to wholeness in You. Empower us by Your Holy Spirit to live a holy life: loving You with our whole hears, loving our neighbors, and responding to the cry of the needy.

Time of silence

In Jesus name we pray....Amen

## Words of Assurance

To come...

Gloria Patri

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>16</sup>At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Luke 18:9-14

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: <sup>10</sup>"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

<sup>13</sup>"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

<sup>14</sup>"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Reflection: A Re-Formed Heart

## Time of Self-Offering

### Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

Hymn #421 in Blue Hymnal: The Church of Christ in Every Age (vvs 1-3, 5)

#### Verse 1

The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit led,  
Must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

#### Verse 2

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry  
For shelter and for bread to eat, and never live until they die.

#### Verse 3

Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be  
A partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

#### Verse 5

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord:  
To care for all, without reserve, and spread Christ's liberating word.

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## Benediction