



We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

Reformation, a congregation of Christ's Church, is an affirming, loving and welcoming community on a faith journey. We provide worship, programs, ministries and pastoral care to all, regardless of ethnicity, age, physical or mental ability, family configuration, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, religious background, economic status, or national origin. We embrace and welcome diversity and full participation in this community of worship, where the love of God is the foundation of all that we say and do.

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus – Galatians 3:28.

Revised Affirmation of Welcome, June 2019, pending vote and adoption.



Overview for this Sunday – When a Yoke Means Freedom

Today's gospel reading contains iconic words from Jesus: "Come to me all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light (Matt. 11:28-30)." Jesus offers a yoke to tired listeners and tells them that a yoke will give them rest. The yoke as a means to rest was a strange idea for the disciples. A yoke as a means to rest ought to sound strange to us, as well. The early hearers of this biblical passage would have known a yoke to be a means of engaging the energy of oxen as heavy lifters in the enterprise of farming. Yokes are still employed in our world and they are still a burden and a way of harnessing animal's hard work, especially in places where people don't have access to the internal combustion engine. The first ancient readers or hearers of Matthew also viewed a yoke as a symbol of obedience to God's law and wisdom. Generally, our instinct is to resist yokes *and* laws, or at least not immediately connect them with the idea of freedom. Through the image of the yoke, however, Jesus invites us to think of God's law and wisdom as a means to surrender, give way, and accept something graceful and positive—rest, ease, lightness. Jesus reframes the idea of a yoke by telling us that a yoke will help us grow as disciples. The gospel links humility to freedom.

THE LITURGY OF WORD & SACRAMENT

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2020

10:00 AM

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

REGULAR PRINT = PRESIDING MINISTER OR ASSISTING MINISTER

BOLD PRINT = CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES

✠ = AT VARIOUS POINTS THROUGHOUT THE SERVICE, THE SIGN OF THE CROSS MAY BE
MADE BY ALL IN REMEMBRANCE OF THEIR BAPTISM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The GREETING and CONFESSION

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

L: We find ourselves lost.
God finds us and claims us.

L: We convince ourselves we are unlovable.
God loves us completely.

L: We wonder if God is against us,
And God is running to us with open, loving arms.

L: When we feel old and used up,
God recycles us and makes us new again.

L: We wonder if our life is going anywhere.
God gifts us with purpose.

L: When we are totally stuck with no hope of change,
God is conspiring to bring good things.

L: When we live under the control of habits and addictions,
God frees us and makes a way out.

L: When we feel ugly, dressed in dirty rags,
God dresses us in love.

L: When we are beyond help, beyond mercy,
God lifts us up.

People of God, hear this good news:

Where we so often fail, God has succeeded!
You are completely forgiven of everything,
Not because of anything you've done for yourself,
but because of God's great love for you in Jesus Christ.
Forgiveness does not come only today, but in every moment.
And so right now together we begin a new life again
in the name of God our creator, + lover, and sustainer.

Amen.

The SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always! **And also with you!**

Time for sharing of the peace.

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional

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The GREETING

L: You are children of God

We are children of God!

L: God has something to say.

And we are listening.

L: God hears our voices.

So we sing and pray.

L: Come, let us worship.


Come, let us worship.

The PRAYER OF THE DAY

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**


OPENING DIALOGUE

Leader:



Ho - ly God! Fill us this day with new breath

All:



And we shall be liv - ing words of praise! *(directly to Morning Hymn)*

HYMN OF PRAISE



1. Sing your joy pro - claim God's glo - ry! Rise and sing, the
 2. All the earth is filled with re-joic - ing, light and life the
 3. May we learn to be - come your King - dom. May we be your
 4. Light our way O God of the liv - ing, May we learn to

morn - ing has come! Bless our God and praise all cre - a - tion;
 won - der of God! Christ has tri - umphed! Ris - en for ev - er!
 kind - ness and truth! Love is our call - ing, gift of your pres - ence;
 see with new eyes! Je - sus the Lord, our pow - er and prom - ise;

Song of the earth, and light from heav - en: God is a - live!
 Joy of our hearts, and hope of our dream - ing: God is a - live!
 Chil - dren of God, and spir - it of Je - sus: God is a - live!
 Light for the blind, and food for the hun - gry: God is a - live!

Last time to Coda ⊕



Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!

⊕ *Coda*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

A reading from Zechariah.

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Here ends the reading.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

A reading from Romans.

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my

members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Here ends the reading.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The GOOD NEWS

Pastor Tim Bupp

O Day of Peace



1 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce de - vour the small;



guide us to jus - tice, truth, and love, de-liv-ered from our self - ish schemes.
 as beasts and cat - tle calm-ly graze, a lit-tle child shall lead them all.



May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease,
 Then en - e - mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord;



till by God's grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace.
 the hope of peace shall be ful-filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

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The AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – a modern creed

**We believe God is the creator,
Who has promised to love us always.**

**We believe Jesus Christ,
Fully God and fully human,
is God's promise living among us.
He experienced all the pain and joy
and challenges of human life.
God's forgiving selfless love was revealed to us
when Jesus suffered death on the cross.
His actions of selflessness resurrected God's love for us all,
and a promise of a new life in unity with God.**

**We believe the Holy Spirit is God's Breath,
breathing life into our spirits,
guiding us even through the darkest
and most difficult moments of our lives.**

**We believe God is among us in community.
Mysterious, yet very real,
in Creation, in Breath, in Flesh.
God promises to be with us always,
even to the end of the age.
This is our faith!**

The PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH and RESPONSE “O Lord, hear my prayer”
Response to be sung

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system's lyrics are: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me. or The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God." The second system's lyrics are: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me. The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.
A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith. We pray for this congregation. Bless pastors, deacons, and congregational leaders. Guide us through this time of uncertainty during this pandemic. Shine in this place that we might notice the ways your love transforms our lives. Hear us, O God.

O Lord, hear my prayer...

We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, and land from abuse and pollution. Free us from apathy in our care of creation and direct us toward sustainable living. We pray for the nations especially the United States and Canada, as we celebrate our nationhood. Guide leaders in developing just policies and guide difficult conversations during this time of civil unrest. Free us from patriotism that hinders relationship-building, especially during this moment of realization that Black Lives Matter. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbor, stranger, and enemies. Hear us, O God.

O Lord, hear my prayer...

We pray for all in need. For all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed, especially those we remember silently in our prayers and with voice upon our lips (*pause*). Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound. We give thanks for those who have died in faith. Welcome them into your eternal rest and comfort us in our grief until we are joined with them in new life. Hear us, O God.

O Lord, hear my prayer...

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Create in me a clean heart

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F C/E C/D Dm Dm/C B♭ Gm
 Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve

 C⁷ sus C⁷ F C/E C/D Dm Dm/C
 you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that

 Gm F/A C F Am⁷ Dm⁷
 I might be re - newed. So fill me and

 Am⁷ Dm⁷ Gm⁷ Gm/D C⁷ sus C⁷
 heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre -

 F C/E C/D Dm Dm/C Gm F/A C F
 ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

The OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The LORD'S PRAYER

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Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - low - ed be your
name, your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our
sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial and de -
liv - er us from e - vil, for the king - dom, the power and the
glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er.

The BLESSING

May the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Father, We Thank You



1 Fa - ther, we thank you that you plant - ed your ho - ly name with -
 2 Watch o'er your church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,



in our hearts. Knowl - edge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus your
 guard it still; per - fect it in your love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -



Son to us im - parts. Lord, you have made all for your plea - sure,
 formed un - to your will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,



and giv'n us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
 was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands your



bread e - ter - nal; yours is the pow'r, yours be the praise.
 church be gath - ered in - to your king - dom by your Son.

The SENDING

During this time of quarantine, let us remain home.

Continue to share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

In Our Prayers

Sick and Homebound: Tracy Hamiter; Dot Perry; Christine White; Barbara Prosser; Connie Pool; Bobbie Black and Beth Mayer.

Health: Emmy Reeves; Landon Derrick; James Dekle; Paul Swing; Tim Quinlan (father of Colleen Clark); H.B. Eleazer; Freda Schoch (friend of the Bupp family); Alice Adams (mother of Keith Adams); Carla Ray and Wanda Lloyd (sister of Pastor Tim).

Worship Participants

Pastor Tim Bupp, Presiding Minister & Homilist
Sabra Custer, Lector
Joshua Greer, Colleen Clark & Ben Bullock, Music