



## ***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.*



### **Overview for this Sunday – Follow Me**

We live in a culture of invitation. Television invites us to join complicated story arcs so that we feel connected to the characters. Commercials invite us to see their product as a new movement and invite us to join it. We are invited to join groups on Facebook and invited into chat rooms and blog responses. The number of social networks is exploding as we are invited into ever expanding ways to connect.

Invitation is an essential part of our walk of faith, but here we frequently see ourselves not as the invited but rather the one who is supposed to be doing the inviting. We can misuse invitation, maybe using the phrase “invite Jesus into your heart,” which often results in the misunderstanding that we are carrying a little bit of Jesus wherever we go. But today's gospel (John 1:43-51) emphasizes not invitation as our call to others to join the walk of faith but rather Jesus' invitation to us to follow him. Jesus' invitation is not that we carry him with us but rather that we follow where he would lead. When Christ invites Philip to “follow me,” may we hear that invitation in our own ears.

# THE LITURGY OF WORD & SACRAMENT

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

10:00 AM

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## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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

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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The CALL TO CONFESSION

As we begin a new year in the shelter of God's love, let us be truthful about our lives, about our living, and about our limits. Let us offer to God and each other that truth as we pray, first in silence, and then together.

*Silent Confession*

### PRAYER of CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

L: Holy God, Author of life and Source of all hope,  
**Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier: hear our prayer.**

L: We know that the blank slate of a new year seems so promising,  
But we know that the blank slate of a new year is also an illusion;  
**Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier: hear our prayer.**

L: Time continues, and our lives flow from one day to the next, from one year to the next. In this time, we know we are sometimes remarkable and generous, bearing light to the shadows, and we know we are sometimes full of despair and selfishness, hoarding light and goodness for ourselves.  
**Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier: hear our prayer.**

L: We seek you on our journey, O God. We seek your presence with us in the darkness and the light,  
**Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier: hear our prayer.**

L: In our remarkable moments and our awful ones.  
We seek your presence, and bask in your love, through Christ.  
**Amen.**

People of God, hear the Good News: we are forgiven!  
We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving,  
gracious, hopeful children of God!  
**Alleluia! Amen.**

## The SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

**And also with you!**

*Time for sharing of the peace.*

## The HYMN FOR GATHERING

ELW#737

### He Comes to Us as One Unknown



- 1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un - seen, un -
- 2 He comes when souls in si - lence lie and thoughts of day de -
- 3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and
- 4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and
- 5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; be - lieved, o - beyed, a -



heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in  
part; half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a -  
foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the  
birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a  
dored; the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark - ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.  
cross the sky of night with - in the heart, of night with - in the heart.  
tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.  
sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.  
not un - known, our Sav - ior and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926

Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848-1918

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## **The GREETING**

L: Our hearts are hard, O God –

**Soften them with your love.**

L: Our hands are clenched, O God –

**Open them with your grace.**

L: Our feet are planted too firmly, O God –

**Invite us to dance with you.**

Our lives are not our own, O God —

**Let us live and move and have our being in you, O God. Amen.**

## **The PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



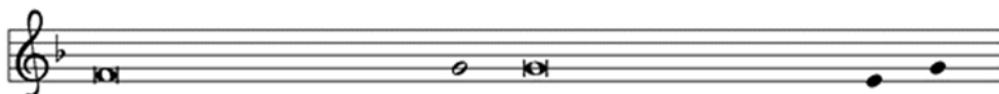
Lord, have mer - cy.



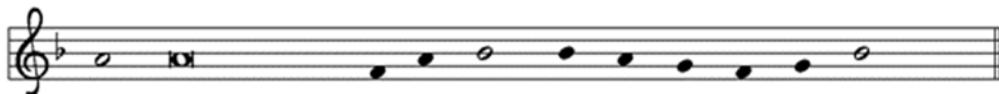
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



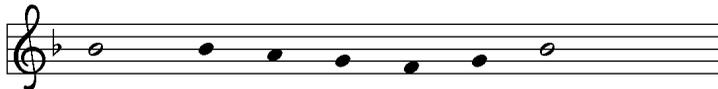
God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



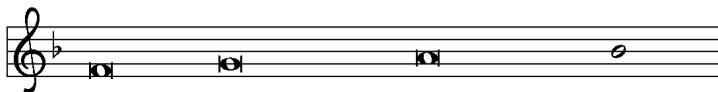
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING: First Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

A reading from First Samuel.

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [<sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup>Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

<sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to

the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

Here ends the reading.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: First Corinthians 6:12-20**

A reading from First Corinthians.

<sup>12</sup>“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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.

### The GOSPEL READING: John 1:43-51

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

The GOOD NEWS

Pastor Tim Bupp

## Lord, Be Glorified



1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
2 In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
3 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
4 In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;



in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

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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 treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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.*

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.*

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

For the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, the church lives out its calling of love every day. For our neighborhood, for visitors joining us online for the first time or returning, and for those unable to join us, that all who seek to know God are nourished by word and sacrament, let us pray.

***O Lord, hear my prayer...***

For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvelously made, that we serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home. For police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and paralegals, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of government, especially during this time of violent national unrest, that they provide protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable, let us pray.

***O Lord, hear my prayer...***

For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, and for those who are imprisoned or homebound, especially those we remember silently in our hearts, and those we remember with voice upon our lips (*pause*), that God console all who suffer. In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us, that their lives give us a vision of the gospel in action, let us pray.

***O Lord, hear my prayer...***

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

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Create in me a clean heart

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might be re - newed. So fill me and heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you." The guitar chords are: F, C/E, C/D Dm, Dm/C, Bb, Gm, C7sus, C7, F, C/E, C/D Dm, Dm/C, Gm, F/A, C, F, Am7, Dm7, Am7, Dm7, Gm7, Gm/D, C7sus, C7, F, C/E, C/D Dm, Dm/C, Gm, F/A, C, F.

The OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, 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.**

## Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

*Refrain*

Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

**The SENDING**

During this time of quarantine, let us remain home.

Let us remain safe as we continue to share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Worship Participants**

Pastor Tim Bupp, Presiding Minister & Homilist

Sue ZurSchmiede, Lector

Joshua Greer, Colleen Clark & Ben Bullock, Music

**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; retired Pastor Karl & Freda Schoch (friends of the Bupp family); Carla Ray; Marlene Thornton (aunt of Alan Nettles); Flo Bouknight (friend of Mark Rowland) and Elyse Stockberger (a 23-year-old battling leukemia in Conway).

**Special prayer for Christine White** - Christine is in the hospital battling COVID 19. Christine is 93 and an almost lifelong member of Reformation. We pray for healing and comfort for Christine and her family.

## Announcements

### Virtual Adult Sunday School

**9:00 AM-10:00 AM**

Adults are invited to join our virtual adult Sunday School discussions each Sunday at 9:00 am via Zoom. We are exploring various faiths and denominations using *Honoring Our Neighbors' Faith* materials, but you don't have to have the book to participate. There are several **easy ways to use Zoom from your phone or computer:**

1. Click this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89090459442>
2. Go to [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us) and look for **Join A Meeting** at the top right, then enter the **meeting ID: 890 9045 9442**.
3. **If you have a Zoom account**, you can sign in and use this meeting ID: 890 9045 9442

### Sunday Worship Livestream

**10:00 AM-11:00 AM**

Follow us on Reformation Lutheran Church on Facebook  
The bulletin can be found at [www.reformationcae.org](http://www.reformationcae.org)

### Fellowship Coffee Hour

**After virtual worship**

And don't forget, after the virtual Livestream worship, you can join the coffee fellowship hour! Once the church bells finish ringing at the end of service, keep your computer up and hop over to Zoom with your coffee for a visit with RLC friends and family, kiddo and pet drop-ins are welcome and encouraged! The meeting ID for the coffee fellowship hour is: 834 7008 3287.

### Reformation Parking Lot Service

**11:30 AM**

We will gather for worship and celebrate the Eucharist. Again, we ask you all to enter the parking lot through the Columbia Avenue entrance, where you will receive your prepackaged communion kit, then be directed to park in every other space [directed by our ushers], and asked to remain in your car. The channel you'll need to tune into FM 99.9 on your radio. When the service reaches the point of communion, we ask you to follow the directions of the pastor. When we leave, we ask you to follow the ushers' directions for your safety. Please follow the ushers' direction. These will be weekly services UNTIL we are able to safely get back to in-person worship in the sanctuary.

**The church office will be closed Monday, January 18** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We will resume regular business hours on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

**Have you ever wondered how the Christian faith and daily news relate?**

Wired Word Wednesdays is a great time to meet with others (by Zoom) and discuss news topics and how our Christian faith relates to them. The Wired Word Wednesday group meets virtually every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. We meet about one hour. Anyone is welcome to join the group. Topical resources arrive each week and are sent to all who wish to participate. (You can sign up to receive the resource for individual reading and reflection.) To sign up for the group discussion or the resource, send an email to [dotjeffcoat@aol.com](mailto:dotjeffcoat@aol.com). We will both post and Zoom link and send you a reminder with it included. The topics vary each week to be as current as possible and have been very interesting and very thought provoking.

**Member records**

Please be sure to keep your contact information up to date with the church office. Our records include your birthdate and anniversary date (if applicable), mailing address, email address(s), phone(s), and family members. If there is any change, be sure the church office knows. If you want to check to be sure the records are up to date, call (803)252-1507 or email ([officeofreform@gmail.com](mailto:officeofreform@gmail.com)) the church office.

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