

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:

## From Rumbling Tummies to Living Bread



Today's texts move us from rumbling tummies and flaring tempers to a refocusing on the blessings poured out and the primary benefactor. We see the gifts of God, which come in a variety of ways: physical nourishment, roles and talents lifted up in community, new life given now and into the ages of ages.

We find that the gifts are responses to various actions—complaining, building for the future, longing for signs of promise and hope. Yet each of these actions and the gifts mean little if we are not able to see the one who is the giver and to recognize that the gifts are not merely about what we can do to get them or what signs are needed to prove them; rather, it is about trust in God, who is the source of life and living—the one who provides the true bread from heaven.

Our role in this story is to tell the history of God's giving, similar to the psalmist. It is to open our eyes to the way the bread of heaven is sustaining us today, physically and spiritually. And as a community living in God's promise, we look to the one God sends to us as *the* bread of life. In many early Hebrew and Greek writings, the stomach was a driving force and a place where hope and faith were lodged. The readings point us to see how a longing for food opens a greater dwelling place for the gifts of faith and promise. From our physical depths we are called to experience a greater spiritual reality.

## THE LITURGY OF WORD & SACRAMENT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021

10:00 AM

#### TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

REGULAR PRINT = PRESIDING MINISTER OR ASSISTING MINISTER **BOLD PRINT** = CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES

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By attending a Service in person, you agree 1. that you may appear on the livestream and 2. that the congregation can be notified that exposure could have happened at a service you attended if you become sick. Anyone not wanting to appear on camera may elect to sit in the Balcony OR view the service via the livestream instead of in person. Congregational singing is not permitted to keep attendees safe, and, in order to minimize spray, loud responses are discouraged.

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

In this time of confession, this time of opening our hearts, let us remember that God is merciful and just, eager to offer grace and love.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of mystery, the God of mercy.

Amen.

God's mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea, and God's grace is wider than the whole of the earth. Trusting in that mercy and that grace, let us make our confession, before God and each other.

Silent prayer.

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:

The fear that stifles us,

The prejudice that blinds us,

The ignorance that hobbles us,

The doubt that plagues us.

Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely place,

To See the world with new and gracious eyes,
To move to those places where love is needed,
To do your works with our hands,
To have faith that you are with us.
This we pray in Jesus 'name.
Amen.

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, + the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
Amen.

The assembly kneels or stands or remain seated. Silence is kept for reflection.

#### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:**

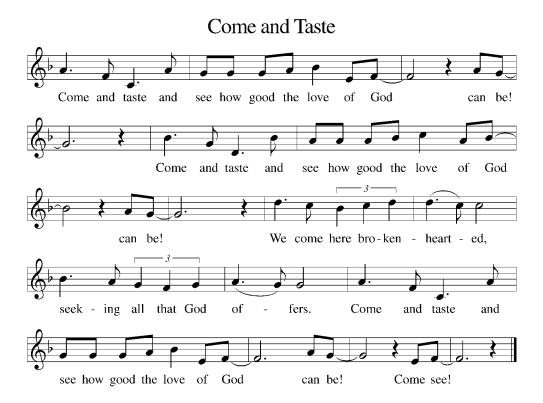
Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. **Alleluia! Amen!** 

#### The SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

Time for sharing of the peace.

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## The PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### Amen.

## **Kyrie**



men.

#### The GREETING

May the Lord be with you as we gather for worship; in prayer, hymnody, and word.

And also with you!

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

A reading from Exodus.

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16**

A reading from Ephesians.

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;

he gave gifts to his people."

<sup>9</sup>(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**





The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

#### The GOSPEL READING: John 6:24-35

The holy gospel according to John.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup>When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat." 32Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

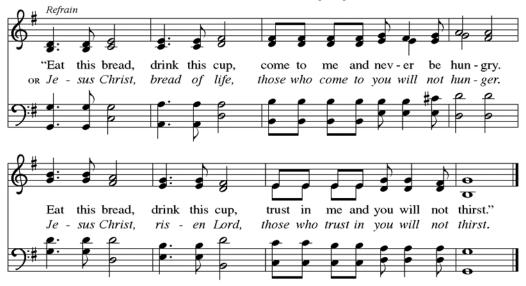
The assembly is seated.

#### The HYMN of the DAY

## ELW#472 (Choir only)

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# Eat This Bread Jesus Christ, Bread of Life



#### 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

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You call your church to be the body of Christ. Awaken all the baptized to the gifts you provide for carrying out the work of ministry. Where the church is divided, knit us together and restore the unity of the faith. You receive all who come seeking a sign of grace. Make this congregation a place of hospitality for those accustomed to rejection. To those who have felt excluded here or elsewhere, prepare us to welcome them in the name of Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You command the clouds above and cause the wind to blow in the heavens. Watch over deserts and wilderness places. Regenerate rainforests, defend species at risk of extinction, and strengthen the work of conservation organizations. You summon leaders to respond to the needs of your people. Instill those who govern with patience when confronted with grievances and perseverance in seeking what promotes the well-being of the community. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You draw near to those who cry out for help. Feed those who are hungry, reassure those who are despairing, and accompany those who are imprisoned. Rain down the true bread from heaven that gives life to the world. You provide food that endures for eternal life. Sustain us each day with the bread of life until we are gathered with (name/s and) all the saints and feast together at your heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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## By Your Hand You Feed Your People



- 1 By your hand you feed your peo ple, food of an gels, heav-en's bread.
- 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun ger, wine of peace.
- 3 Send us now with faith and cour age to the hun gry, lost, be reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis-dom sat - is - fy our deep-est needs.
In our liv - ing and our deep-est needs.



Christ's own bod-y, blessed and bro-ken, cup o'er-flow-ing, life out - poured,



giv-en as a liv-ing to-ken of your world re-deemed, re-stored.

#### The OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.** 

Offering baskets are available as you enter or exit the Sanctuary.

## Liturgy of the Table

#### The WORDS OF BEGINNING

Holy One,

the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you for the deliverance of your people.

Blessed are you for the prophets 'hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus Christ,

the Word made flesh, the flesh made bread.

Blessed are you for your Presence realized, Blessed are you for your Presence in our midst, Blessed are you for your Presence in our homes, Blessed are you for your Presence in us,

the Word made flesh, the flesh made bread, the bread made us.

On the night in which our Lord was betrayed...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith,

Christ has died,

Christ is Risen,

Christ will come again!

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. **Amen.** 

#### The LORD'S PRAYER



Pastor will instruct us on when and how to commune. Worshipers will remove their masks briefly to eat and drink their communion elements.

## The INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

#### Amen!

The assembly is seated.

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#### Come to the Table



Come to the ta-ble of mer-cy, pre-pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun-gry and thirst-y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re-ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal-va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

#### The PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life,

we have received from your table

more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal,

now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray.

Amen.

### The BLESSING

May the blessing of God,

who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

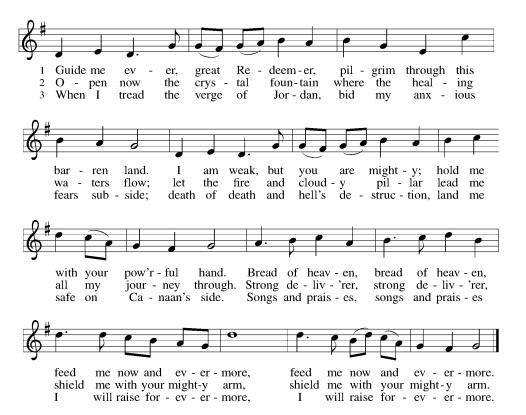
+ be upon you now and forever.

#### Amen

### ELW#618 (Choir only)

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## Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



#### The DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Please exit through the back doors in the Sanctuary.
Pastor will dismiss worshippers by row.
Trash cans are located in the back of the church.

## **Worship Participants**

Pastor Tim Bupp, Presiding Minister & Homilist Carlotta Stackhouse, Lector Gary Parish & Lynn Black, Greeter/Usher Joshua Greer, Colleen Clark, Ben Bullock, Music

## **Our Prayers**

Sick and Homebound: Tracy Hamiter; Dot Perry; Barbara Prosser; Connie Pool

Bobbie Black; Carla Ray and Beth Mayer.

Health: Emmy Reeves; Landon Derrick; James Dekle; Pastor Jim Nichols;

Bernard Slice; Peggy Thompson and Bobbie Prosser.

## Opportunities of fellowship, learning and planning at Reformation

Meeting/Group	Recurrence	Time	Zoom ID#
Adult Sunday School	Every Sunday	8:30 - 9:30 AM	859 4578 5914
Bible Study	Every Wednesday	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	853 3035 6858
Wired Word	Every Wednesday	7:30 - 8:45 PM	813 6131 9680
Executive Committee	2nd Sundays	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	814 2447 3414
Education Committee	2nd Mondays	7:30 - 8:45 PM	872 8227 0016
Finance Committee	2nd Thursdays	7:00 - 8:30 PM	862 8298 4076
Council Meeting	3rd Sundays	11:AM - 1:00 PM	854 3791 4142
Worship & Music Committee	3rd Tuesdays	7:00 - 8:30 PM	857 8690 1040
Servants Committee	3rd Thursdays	7:00 - 8:30 PM	860 0836 0775
Happy Hour	3rd Fridays	6:00 - 7:00 PM	824 2935 6893

#### Announcements

## What to expect at Reformation's in-person worship service

- Wearing a mask will be required following public health guidelines. Worshipers are encouraged to put their mask on before they exit their cars. Worship leaders will remove their masks while reading or singing. We wear face coverings in worship so we can love our neighbors as ourselves.
- All attendees who are physically able to climb steps will be asked to enter the Sanctuary by the front steps or the side door into the BreezeWay. Others will have access through the Fellowship Hall.
- An usher will greet you outside and may ask you to wait outside for a brief time to control the number of people in the Narthex.
- Once you enter the Narthex, you will pick up your own Bulletin, Communion cup, and Offering Envelope (if needed), and will have your reservation confirmed before you enter the Sanctuary. An Usher can help direct you in the Narthex and then into the Sanctuary.
- Hand sanitizer and trash cans are available as you enter the Sanctuary.
- Available seating will be marked on the end of pews, ensuring individuals or family groups are seated at least six feet apart and that worshipers are at a safe distance from worship leaders. If hearing is an issue for you, please be aware of possible outside noise impact in the back pews as you select your seat, because all doors will remain open during the Service to increase air circulation in the Sanctuary.
- Communion cups with wafer and wine in a sealed disposable container will be available for attendees as they enter, as has been our practice at our Drive In Services. Pastor will instruct us on when and how to commune. Worshipers will remove their masks briefly to eat and drink their communion elements.
- Offering baskets will be available as you enter or exit the Sanctuary.
- By attending a Service in person, you agree to possible capture on the livestream video, and that the congregation can be notified that exposure could have happened at a Service you attended if you become sick.
- There will be no Nursery or Fellowship Time after Service, as we continue to keep our children, members, and visitors safe.
- At the end of the service, Pastor will dismiss worshippers by row. Worshippers can greet each other outdoors respecting social distancing guidelines. Worshippers are asked to continue to wear their masks until they enter their cars.

Full details can be found in the Updated Transition Plan found on Reformation's website. Please follow up with Ginny Eiwen or Pastor Tim.

## Safe Space Dinner

The first Safe Space Dinner will be held on Thursday, August 12, 2021, we will have additional important opportunities to give of ourselves, including the preparation and serving of dinner to the youth we seek to serve. Contact Mike Watson for details - <a href="mailto:safespacecolumbia@gmail.com">safespacecolumbia@gmail.com</a>.

## **Servant's Committee Update**

During the month of June, the Servant's Committee collected 3x5 index cards during church service (a consolidated list is attached). There were many wonderful ideas and suggestions turned in to reach out in the community, opportunities for us to come together as a congregation, etc.

Over the past six months the Servant Committee members have done an exceptional outpouring of themselves to generate and carry out activities to reach out to the community and enhance fellowship activities. A part of this ministry it has been an exhilarating and uplifting experience to see things brainstormed, planned, and come alive. There have been eight core people making this happen and we are looking for others to join this group to help in planning and carrying out the awesome ideas and suggestions given to us as we grow both in the community and as members of a beautiful congregation.

Below is a listing of the Committee Member's and their contact information. If you are interested, please reach out and let one of us know.

Lynn Black — <u>wildcat4n6@gmail.com</u> — 803-661-8249 Shirley Derriso — <u>Shirley.derriso@gmail.com</u> — 803-413-0966 Sharon Turner — <u>sharonbturner@yahoo.com</u> — 803-609-6841 Ann Kurth — <u>elizabethannkurth@gmail.com</u> — 719-237-9488

We are currently looking for volunteers for the upcoming Indoor Garage Sale as we will need folks to arrange 'stuff' on tables as it is received, to work on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>Sep 18<sup>th</sup></u>, which involves 'sale time' and 'packing up' when sale Is over. Please join us in sharing fellowship and working for the community. This is a wonderful time to get to know your fellow congregant and share in the experience of 'God's Work. Our Hands'.

## Congregant's Suggestion for Service Projects, etc June 2021

The following list ideas collected during the first two weeks in June:

- > Get to together for coffee and snack's
- ➤ Small group Coffee hour
- > Fifth Sunday Potluck
- > Social: Parking lot concert and picnic
- Service: Become a volunteer for Harvest Hope / Organize volunteers to pick up and take home our Lowman Home Senior's when they are unable to drive, especially evening events
- Earlewood Clean-up Walk, talk, and pick up trash, ends w/ cookout at church
- ➤ Fund Raiser Yard Sale
- > Supper Club
- > Feeding the homeless
- School supply drive
- > Game nights
- ➤ Start a softball team PLEASE
- ➤ Art Day w/ Canvas Paint a message of love/peace display on Sundays picking the artist
- Cayce Cottage in the Avenues, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 6:30-9:00 pm, 1220 H Ave, W. Columbia, 29169

Ideas generated during Servant Committee's last meeting:

- ➤ Collect trash from local park
- Donate Blood
- ➤ Game Night
- ➤ Supper Club once a month
- > Create signs of encouragement and inspiration for those who drive by the church
- ➤ 24-hr prayer chain
- ➤ Car wash collect donations



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