



## ***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: The Most Challenging Spiritual Practice**

The writers of today's readings express to God their fears about death and those who do evil. They rage against the cravings, coveting, envy, and selfish ambition that lead to disorder and war, within and around us. They describe one caught in this reality who is led to slaughter, tested with insult and torture, and faces a shameful death. Through our lenses

we see Jesus. In fact, Jesus keeps describing what is going to happen to him, but his followers can't understand. They don't want to understand. Instead, they argue about who is greatest. Putting a quick end to that line of argument, Jesus brings a child into their circle. Embracing the child, Jesus invites disciples into humble service—this is how we draw near to God and God to us.

It is easy to be fearful in view of events outside us. It is easy to be thrown off course by feelings inside us or to work hardest for the wrong things. But Jesus invites us to practice what may be the most challenging spiritual practice of all. Jesus invites us to love our neighbor. Jesus asks that we look around for someone concrete to invest our time and energy in, someone who cannot necessarily return the favor. Jesus challenges us to receive others' ministry to us, since we are also little children in faith.

In real life, there is no way to avoid shame and death. At some point, it comes to each of us. However, for now, wherever we are, we can participate in God's way of life. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, disciples look where Jesus points and see those whom they can serve. They do not escape death but can know that resurrection is on the other side. Each day, God is with us through dying and rising.

# THE LITURGY OF WORD & SACRAMENT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

10:00 AM

## SEVENTEENTH 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

### 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,  
whose teaching is life,  
whose presence is assured,  
and whose love is endless.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**

**We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.**

**We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

**Listen when we call out to you for help.**

**Lead us by your love so we love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in ✠ Christ Jesus, God makes us righteous.

May we receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all our sins.

**Amen!**

### 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

May the peace of Christ, which passes all understanding be with you all!

**And also with you!**

*Time for sharing of the peace.*

## The GATHERING HYMN

ELW#522

### As We Gather at Your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um-ph-ant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

## The PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

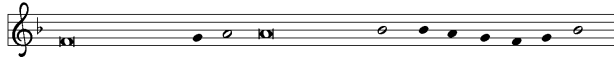
# Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



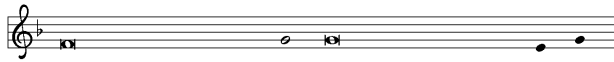
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For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



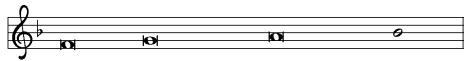
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - - - men.

## The 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: Jeremiah 11:18-20

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.

<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

<sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### SECOND READING: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

A reading from James.

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.<sup>4</sup>

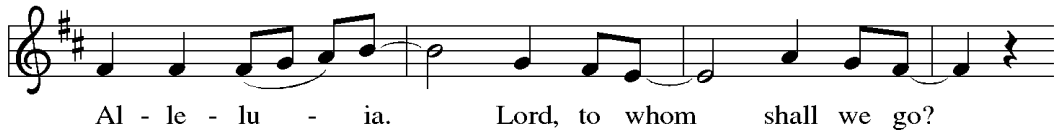
<sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what

you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## The GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:30-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. <sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

The HYMN of the DAY

ELW#781

### Children of the Heavenly Father

*Truggare kan ingen vara*



*Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,*  
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



*stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.*  
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

**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 service then continues with the prayers of intercession.*



## The PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Even during this time of Covid, renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment. God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict. Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially women and children around the world, but especially in Afghanistan, may they find safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak. We especially remember those we hold silently in our hearts and with voice upon our lips [*pause*]. God of consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray for all who grieve today. Shine your grace on all your saints. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; 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 dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



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.

God of abundance,  
you cause streams to break forth in the desert  
and manna to rain from the heavens.

Accept the gifts you have first given us.  
Unite them with the offering of our lives  
to nourish the world you love so dearly;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## 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.**

**A Maori translation of the Lord's Prayer from the New Zealand Book of Prayer:  
The LORD'S PRAYER**

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe;  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trial too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

**The INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All who hunger and thirst, come.  
The table is ready.

**Amen!**

## 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.

Lord of life,  
 in the gift of your body and blood  
 you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.  
 Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,  
 bearing witness to the abundance of your love  
 in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**The BLESSING**

People of God,  
 you are Christ's body,  
 bringing new life to a suffering world.  
 May the holy Trinity, † one God,  
 bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

## The DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

Worship Participants

Pastor Tim Bupp, Presiding Minister & Homilist

Courtney Noya, Assisting Minister

Jacob Reese, Lector

## **In Our Prayers**

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

**Health:** Emmy Reeves; Bobbie Prosser; Sarah Trani and Colleen Clark's family.

## **Virtual Adult Sunday School**

**8:30 AM**

Virtual Adult Sunday School is every Sunday at 8:30am. The Zoom Meeting ID:  
859 4578 5914

## **Sunday Worship Livestream**

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

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The bulletin can be found at [www.reformationcae.org](http://www.reformationcae.org)

## **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 is 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.

### **Zoom meetings this week**

Council Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 9/19	11:00 a.m.
Worship & Music	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 9/21	7:00 p.m.
Safe Space	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday, 9/23	7:00 p.m.



## Monthly Zoom Information Calendar

Day	Time	Group	Meeting ID	Meeting Type
Every Sunday	8:30 - 9:30 AM	Adult Sunday School	859 4578 5914	Zoom Only
Every Wednesday	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Bible Study	853 3035 6858	Hybrid
Every Wednesday	7:30 - 8:45 PM	Wired Word	813 6131 9680	Zoom Only
2nd Sundays	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Executive Committee	814 2447 3414	In Person / Zoom Option
2nd Mondays	7:30 - 8:45 PM	Education Committee	872 8227 0016	Zoom Only
2nd Thursdays	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Finance Committee	862 8298 4076	Zoom Only
3rd Sundays	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Council Meeting	854 3791 4142	In Person / Zoom Option
3rd Tuesdays	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Worship & Music Committee	857 8690 1040	Zoom Only
3rd Thursdays	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Servants Committee	860 0836 0775	Zoom Only
3rd Fridays	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Happy Hour	824 2935 6893	Zoom Only
4th Thursdays	7:00 - 8:15 PM	Safe Space Committee	871 2863 2293	In Person / Zoom Option