

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 30, 2022

REFORMATION SUNDAY

THEME: Cultivating Generosity – Part 2



“Zacchaeus, a wealthy chief tax collector, wanted to see Jesus, so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree...”  
Luke 19:3-4

*GATHERING*

*Prelude:* “Voluntary on “A Mighty Fortress “ Gordon Young

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

\*Call to Worship:

Leader: The road is long, but the journey is worth it.

People: **We are reformed, always reforming. Faithful, ever seeking to be faithful in new ways.**

Leader: We do not travel alone; we are part of the great fellowship of saints. God is with us every step of the way.

People: **The Spirit gives us endurance and strength for the journey; therefore, we are a community of living hope.**

Leader: Come, join us in the generous life, sharing the Good News of God’s Love.

People: **Through the example of Jesus Christ, with the help of the Spirit, we will trust God to guide us.**

\*Hymn: #687 “Our God Our Help in Ages Past” (see download)

**Prayer of the Day**

God of All the Ages, the Church has weathered through many eras and seasons, and yet seeks to be a vital community in changing times. We confess that our questioning sometimes leads to doubt, and doubt leads to uncertainty, and uncertainty to a lack of trust. But sometimes when the way is not clear, uncertainty leads to new faith, new hope, and new trust that You will act and that we are not alone. The Church has always been called to love the neighbor even as we are to love among ourselves. Help us to know that we can go confidently forward because You will show the way. With helping hands and eager hearts, lead us confidently forward, through Christ our Brother, who became one of us and is our Living Hope. AMEN

\***Response:** The Doxology #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD*

*Anthem:* “Jerusalem My Happy Home” Robert McDonald”  
Bell Choir

Scripture: Luke 19:1-10

Sermon When Jesus Comes to Town

\*Hymn: #647 “Give Thanks” (see download)

*RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD*

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

**For the wondrous gift of life, we are thankful, O God. Your generous outpouring of grace reminds us of the fruitful life we are called to bear. May these gifts of time and labor embody our desire to share and contribute to your coming reign among us and beyond. AMEN**

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn: #275 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (see download)

Charge and Benediction  
Silent Prayer (be seated)

*Postlude:* “A Mighty Fortress” David Cherwien  
David Lasky

The End of Worship  
The Beginning of Service

\*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor  
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

### Prayers of the Congregation

**Prayer Family this week: Carroll R. & Carol A. Shearer**

### Announcements:

**REFORMATION DAY** On October 31, 1517, the sound of a hammer striking the castle church door in Wittenberg, Germany, would soon be heard around the world. It provoked a debate that culminated finally in what we now call the Protestant Reformation as Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-Five Theses to the church door. This led ultimately to the greatest transformation of Western society since the apostles first preached the Gospel throughout the Roman empire. It is the basis of our denominational churches today—reformed and always reforming.

**Chancel Choir Rehearsal** follows worship today.

The next **Community Meal** will be Thursday, **November 10**. The menu will be Amish wedding casserole, mashed potatoes, corn, and cranberry sauce. We will need homemade dessert donations.

## Leacock Presbyterian Church

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