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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 AM

## **Reformation Sunday**

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.*

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!*

*We pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

*How Firm a Foundation*

Wesley

### **CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

L: We gather in awe,

**P:** standing in the presence of the One who crafted the stars, the mountains, the seas.

L: We gather in faith,

**P:** trusting that the One who has held little children holds our lives in the heart of God.

L: We gather in need,

**P:** seeking the One who longs for justice to grace each and every person in creation.

L: We gather in love,

**P:** believing that the One who sacrificed in love still lives among us today.

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

(8 AM) \***OPENING HYMN NO. 439** (black hymnal) *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

(10:30 AM) \***CHORAL ANTHEM & OPENING HYMN** (see insert)

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

**ALL:** Lord of all, the demands of your righteousness are too hard for us to fulfill alone, so we rush off with this excuse and ignore your word. We have heard your words of faithfulness, and forgotten every one of them; we have seen your dreams for us, and turned every one of them into ashes. You forgive our iniquity and remember our sin no more, and we abuse this freedom as if it were a license to selfishness, self-indulgence, and self-righteousness. You give us the gift of grace: atonement in the blood of your Son, yet we make it cheap without serious repentance. We fail to see the power of your faithfulness. We are your people, but do we know you as our God? Forgive us Lord, the sins we know in our heart. Save us Lord from the sins we hide. May Jesus Christ continue to live in us, so we might be free to live forever with you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2081 (FWS, see p. 3)

*Thank You, Jesus*

**ALL SING:** Thank you Jesus, Amen. Thank you Jesus, Amen! Thank you Jesus, amen! Alleluia! Amen!

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE**

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN NO. 457** (black hymnal)

*Jesus, I Live to You*

<sup>2</sup>Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

# JOYS & CONCERNS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM**      *Grace Alone*      by Brown/Nelson

## OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY      *Our God*      by Reeves, Tomlin, & Cash

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 780 (black hymnal)      *Doxology*

**ALL SING:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, you heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\***CLOSING HYMN NO. 419** (black hymnal)      *Now Thank We All Our God*

## \*BENEDICTION

\***POSTLUDE**      *Church of God, Elect and Glorious*      by Pritchard

*As a reminder, there will be a healing service immediately following the 8 AM worship service. The pastors will remain seated while the postlude is being played. At this time, if you do not wish to participate in the healing service, you may quietly exit to the back narthex. The healing service will begin immediately after the postlude.*

### Tino Tenda Jesu / Thank You, Jesus, Amen!



*Thank you, Je - sus, a - men!      Thank you, Je - sus, a - men!*



*Thank you, Je - sus, a - men!      Al - le - lu - ia, a - men!*

Two vases of altar flowers are presented in celebration of our marriage today at Mt. Zion by Paula Beever & Larry Strayer.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Lynwood Schleeter's 94th birthday by Barbara Krier.

The bulletins are presented in memory of Harriet Kiessling (Elaine's mother) by Perry, Elaine, & Joey Bevivino.

Thank you to the Worship Choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

Thank you to our brass musicians: Matt Grimes, Missy Kiefer, Mike Ferree, & Bridget Nalbene, for sharing their time and talents today at the 10:30 AM service.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer

8 AM Welcome Team: Natalie Behrends, Tim Snyder, Mary Jane Snyder, & Suzanne Skennonto

8 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

8 AM Video Tech: Denny Daugherty

8 AM Hall Monitor: Mary Jane Snyder

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Lana Fritz

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Red & Ellie Arnold, Carol Hartman, & Barb Stebbins

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Tom Mulligan

10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Camera Tech: John Kollasch

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: George DeMers

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff

WOW Kids: David & Brigitte Bradnick

<sup>1</sup><http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2013/10/proper-26ordinary-31pentecost-24trinity.html>

<sup>2</sup>The prayer of confession combines aspects of liturgy from

<http://confessionrcl.blogspot.com/2014/10/cycle-abc-reformation.html> and

<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2014/10/reformation-sunday.html>.

<sup>3</sup>*Thank You Jesus, Amen*. Arr. Patrick Matsikenyiri. © 1996, GBG. Reproduced with permission under One License A-725030.

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# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

439

Martin Luther, c. 1529

Ps. 46

Transl. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853; adapt. Ruth Duck, 1981



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing,  
2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing,  
3 And though this world with dev - ils filled should threat - en to un - do us,  
4 That word be - yond all earth - ly powers for - ev - er is a - bid - ing;



Our pres - ent help a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.  
But there is one who takes our side, the One of God's own choos - ing.  
We will not fear for God has willed the truth to tri - umph through us.  
The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for Christ is with us sid - ing.



For still our an - cient foe does seek to work us woe with craft and pow - er  
You ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus sets us free! With might - y power to  
The powers of e - vil grim, we trem - ble not for them; their rage we can en -  
Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may



great, and armed with cru - el hate, on earth with - out an e - qual.  
save, vic - to - rious o'er the grave, Christ will pre - vail tri - um - phant.  
dure, for lo, their doom is sure: one lit - tle word shall fell them.  
kill; God's truth shall tri - umph still; God's reign en - dures for - ev - er.



*There is speculation that this psalm paraphrase was written in 1527 when Martin Luther's friend was burned at the stake, or in 1529, when Lutheran German princes protested the revocation of their liberties. It has been translated into more than fifty languages.*

Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG (isometric) 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.7.  
Martin Luther, c. 1529  
Harm. The New Hymnal for American Youth, 1930; alt.  
For another version, see 440

Rom. 14:8; Phil. 1:21

Henry Harbaugh, c. 1850; alt.

1 Je - sus, I live to you, the love - li - est and best;  
 2 Je - sus, I die to you, when - ev - er death shall come;  
 3 Wheth - er to live or die, I know not which is best;  
 4 Liv - ing or dy - ing, Lord, I ask to be your own;

My life will be your life in me, in your blessed love I rest.  
 Un - ceas - ing - ly, you'll live in me in my e - ter - nal home.  
 To live will be your bliss in me, to die is end - less rest.  
 My life will be your life in me, and heaven on earth be known.

*This is the most famous of all hymns from the German Reformed tradition of the United Church of Christ. Henry Harbaugh, a noted educator and clergyman, was associated with institutions that became Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster Theological Seminary, and The Mercersburg Academy.*

Tune: LAKE ENON S.M.  
 Isaac B. Woodbury, 1856

# Nun danket alle Gott

(Now Thank We All Our God)

Sir. 50:20-24; 39:35; Ps. 67

Martin Rinkart, 1647; transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.

1 Nun dank - et al - le Gott, mit Herz - en, Mund und Händ - en,  
 1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,  
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God our Mak - er now be giv - en,

der gro - sse Ding - e tut an uns und al - len End - en;  
 Who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es,  
 With ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,  
 To Christ, and Spir - it, too, our help in high - est heav - en,

der uns von Mut - ter - leib und Kind - es - bein - en an  
 Who, from our par - ents' arms, has blessed us on our way  
 And keep us still in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
 The one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heaven a - dore,

un - zäh - lig viel zu gut bis hier-her hat ge - tan.  
 With count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
 And free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 For thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

*For much of his life, German Lutheran pastor and musician Martin Rinkart ministered to the walled city of Eisleben amidst the horrors of the Thirty Years' War. This hymn has become one of the most widely used hymns of the church.*

Tune: NUN DANKET 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6.  
 Johann Crüger, 1647  
 Harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

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## FANFARE AND CONCERTATO ON "A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD"

Words by  
MARTIN LUTHER (1483-1546)  
tr. by FREDERICK H. HEDGE (1805-1890)

Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG  
by MARTIN LUTHER  
Arranged by JON PAIGE (BMI)  
and BRAD NIX (ASCAP)

### CONGREGATION

(parts) 1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
(parts) 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
(unis.) 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a

fail - ing; our help - er He, a - mid the flood of  
los - ing; were not the right Man on our side, the  
bid - ing; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
Man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
Him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great, and,  
Je - sus, it is He; Lord Sab - a - oth His name, from  
mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill: God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
age to age the same, and He must win the bat - tle.  
truth a - bid - eth still; His king - dom is for - ev - er.

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