

## St. Paul's United Church of Christ

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Worship 10:15am

*No matter who you are,  
or where you are on life's journey,  
you're welcome here.*



**Love**  
the Lord your God  
with all your HEART  
and with all your SOUL  
and with all your MIND  
and with all your STRENGTH.

Mark 12:30, ESV

*Welcome to  
St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
Online Streaming Worship Service*

*May God's loving presence be very real to you,  
and may you receive strength and guidance today  
that will enable you to handle life's challenges.*

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**Sunday, October 31, 2021**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Reformation Sunday**

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

## We Gather

*We are coming together as a community of faith to worship our God,  
and provide for one another our love, support, and care.*

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### A TIME OF GATHERING

### RINGING OF THE BELL

### PRELUDE

### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*{To center your hearts and minds,  
you are invited to individually offer this prayer silently  
during or before the Prelude}*

### PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP <sup>③</sup>

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*{Those who are able, please rise}*

*{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}*

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*"God of Grace and God of Glory "*

vs 1 & 4

UCC #198

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### \*INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP <sup>②</sup>

Leader: Let your minds ponder the manifold works of God.  
Let your spirits soar amid the wonders of creation.

People: **The earth is full of God's creatures.  
We depend on God for the gift of life.**

Leader: We gather to worship and praise the God of all people.  
We come to learn from the God we only dimly perceive.

People: **We reach out for answers to our questions.  
We long to find meaning and purpose for our days.**

ALL: Amen.

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## We Repent

*This is a time to confess our wrongdoings and neglects, ask for God's mercy, admit our need for God's forgiving grace, hear the assurance of our forgiveness, and then give God our thanks and praise.*

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION<sup>④</sup> (Leader)

Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

### \*CONFESSION OF SIN<sup>④</sup> (Unison)

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those, O God, who confess their sins. Restore those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared to humankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy Holy Name. Amen.**

### \*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

*{A time to silently offer our personal prayers of confession}*

*{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}*

### \*PRAYER FOR MERCY

“Kyrie”

♪ Red #518

Leader (*spoken*): Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**People (*sung*): Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
Leader (*spoken*): Christ, have mercy upon us.  
**People (*sung*): Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
Leader (*spoken*): Lord have mercy upon us.  
**People (*sung*): Lord, have mercy upon us.**

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### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON<sup>④</sup> (Leader)

Hear now the comforting assurance of the grace of God, promised in the Gospel to all that repent and believe: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. For God so loved the world, that he gave us his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Unto as many of you, therefore, beloved, who truly repent of your sins, and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, with full purpose of new obedience, I announce and declare, by the authority and in the Name of Christ, that our sins are forgiven, according to his promise in the Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### \*CALL TO PRAISE<sup>⑩</sup>

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the world.  
**People: We give God praise, for our souls are in the hand of the Lord.**

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### \*PRAISE RESPONSE

“Take My Life, and Let It Be” vs 3

♪ Red #253

**Take my voice, and let me sing,  
Always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.**

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*{Please be seated}*

## We Hear the Word of God

We seek to learn more about God's love and grace, and how we are to live our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Bible is our primary text on faith, which we consider to be scripture - sacred writings.  
We believe the Bible to be the "inspired word of God."  
Gospel (which means "Good News") refers to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which are Christians' most central books of the Bible.

### PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

**First Lesson:** [Jeremiah 31:31-34](#)  
**Second Lesson:** [Romans 3:19-28](#)  
**Gospel Lesson:** [John 8:31-36](#)

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### HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

vs 1 & 2

♪ Red #281

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### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON

## We Respond with Thanks

*We have heard God's call and have come and worshiped,  
we have confessed our sins and been assured of our forgiveness, we  
have learned more about God's grace and God's will. We now respond  
by  
re-affirming our faith in God,*

*{Those who are able, please rise}*

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the "Preamble" and "Privileges and Duties of Members" sections of the  
*Constitution and Bylaws of St. Paul's UCC*

#### **ALL:**

**We acknowledge, as the sole head of the Christian Church,  
Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior.**

**We acknowledge as kindred in Christ all who share in this confession.**

**We look to the Word of God in the Scriptures,  
and to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.**

#### Leader:

It is the duty of all Christians to take an active part in all the functions of the Church  
for the glory of God possible, and the uplift of humankind.

#### People:

**This includes**

**regular attendance at both divine worship and study services;**

**fervent prayer for the welfare of the Church;**

**a Family Altar and daily devotions in the home;**

**careful attention to the religious training of the youth;**

**liberal financial and moral support toward local mission and**

**benevolent undertakings of the church,**

**including Our Church's Wider Mission;**

**obedience to the church's established law and authorities,**

**untiring zeal in bringing the unchurched under the church's influence;**

**a spirit of Christian Love toward all fellow members; and**

**membership and active participation in the organizations of the Church**

**wherever possible.**

#### Leader:

We claim and affirm this faith

#### **ALL:**

**for the glory of God,**

**the fellowship and spiritual blessing of the Church, and**

**to prosper the redemptive work of Jesus Christ in the world.**

**Amen.**

*{please be seated}*

#### **STEWARDSHIP WITNESS OR READING:**

*"In Awe of Grace"*

#### **CALL TO PRAYER**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray....

## LITANY FOR REFORMATION

Leader: Let us give thanks for the lives and legacy of our spiritual forebears, the Protestant reformers.

**People: They lived and died long ago but are alive with God and in the church.**

Leader: We thank you, O God, for the forerunners: for Peter Waldo, John Wycliffe, John Huss.

**People: They fought lonely battles and died lonely deaths, but their sacrifices were not in vain.**

Leader: We praise you for your servant, Martin Luther:

**People: for his experience of your grace, his love of music and of family, his glorious stubbornness.**

Leader: We give thanks for Ulrich Zwingli:

**People: for preaching salvation by your grace, bringing scripture to the common person, and emphasizing the importance of Christian community.**

Leader: We are grateful, O God, for your servant, John Calvin:

**People: for his giant intellect, his pastoral faithfulness, his concern for social justice.**

Leader: We bless you for servant John Knox:

**People: for his sturdy courage, his tireless striving, his hard-won success in bringing his nation under the sway of your Word.**

Leader: We offer words of praise for the wives of the reformers:

**People: For tirelessly and relentlessly speaking up even when institutions would not listen to women, and in a time when their marriage to their husbands was seen as a sin.**

Leader: We reaffirm, O God, the reformers' commitment to the supremacy of the Scriptures:

**People: Make us more serious and more purposeful as students of your Word.**

Leader: We reaffirm their commitment to one, and only one, Mediator between you and us:

**People: Deepen, O God, our life of prayer.**

Leader: We reaffirm the reformers' commitment to justification by faith:

**People: Help us to show our thankfulness for your love by showing love to others.**

Leader: We reaffirm their commitment to liberty of conscience:

**People: May we be responsible users of our civil and religious freedoms.**

Leader: O God, make us and keep us positive Protestants,

**People: As we testify for the Good News of your love.**

Leader: We pray, Holy One, that ancient grudges, which have been keeping your children apart, may be buried and forgotten,

**People: and that, in this new day, we may unite with all fellow-Christians in common, ongoing reformation.**

Leader: This, O God, is our deepest plea:

**People: that the reforming of your Son's church may continue, beginning with us. In his name we pray.**

**ALL: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER *(Unison)*

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors,**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power,**

**and the glory forever. Amen.**

*{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}*

**SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE**

*“Thy Word”* refrain, vs 1, refrain

♩ *Blue #184*

**Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

**Verse 1: When I feel afraid, and I think I’ve lost my way,  
Still You’re there right beside me.  
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near.  
Please be near me to the end.**

**Repeat Refrain**

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**OFFERTORY INVITATION** ④②

**Leader:** In gratitude for all God’s mercies, and in remembrance of God’s never-failing grace,  
**People:** **we offer God our gifts.**  
**Leader:** Our tithes and offerings are to magnify God’s name and to express our deep sense of thanksgiving.  
**People:** **They are also an expression of our empathy and concern for our fellow sisters and brothers in God’s family who struggle to find life.**  
**Leader:** Giving reorients our lives to what is of lasting value and importance.  
**People:** **Let us give with joy!**

**RETURNING GOD’S TITHES AND PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS**

**Online Giving**

*{As we share in hybrid worship, there is no passing of the plate in person.  
A plate is placed in the rear of the sanctuary for offerings to be placed  
when arriving or departing from the sanctuary.  
Whether worshiping in person or online,  
the safest way to offer your tithe and offering to God through his church  
is through our secure [Online Giving](#) option on our website at [sprucc.org](#). [Click Here](#)  
Offerings may also be mailed to St. Paul’s UCC; 301 West Penn Ave; Robesonia, PA 19551}.*

**OFFERTORY**

*{Those who are able, please rise}*

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**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*“Take My Life, and Let It Be”*

vs 4

♩ *Red #253*

**Take my silver and my gold;  
Not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as Thou shalt choose.**

*Text: Samuel Longfellow  
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**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** ④ (Leader)

**Leader:** O God, you are the giver of every good and perfect gift,  
**People:** **praise and glory be unto you.**  
**Leader:** To the preaching of good tidings of salvation,  
**People:** **we dedicate our gifts.**  
**Leader:** To the teaching of Jesus’ way of life,  
**People:** **we dedicate our gifts.**  
**Leader:** To the healing of broken bodies and the soothing of fevered brows,  
**People:** **we dedicate our gifts.**

Leader: To the leading of every little child to the knowledge and love of Jesus,  
**People: we dedicate our gifts.**  
 Leader: To the caring for helpless age and the relief of all who look to us for help,  
**People: we dedicate our gifts.**  
 Leader: To the evangelization of the world and the building of the kingdom of God,  
**People: we dedicate our wealth, our efforts, and our lives.**  
 Leader: Receive them, O God, and use them to they glory;  
**People: for Jesus, our Redeemer's sake.**  
**ALL: Amen.**

## We Are Sent Out

*In response to God's love and grace,  
 we go out into the world to share God's Good News  
 through our words and actions.*

**\*COMMISSION** <sup>2</sup>

Leader: Find your direction in life as you follow Christ.  
 Find in your neighbor a brother or sister in Christ.  
**People: We are all children of the one God.**  
**We are all beloved, honored, and set free.**  
 Leader: Sure God will bless our journey.  
 Go in peace, confident of God's abiding grace.  
**People: We will worship God together and alone.**  
**We will be present for one another when needed.**  
**ALL: Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

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**\*THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN**

♪ **Red #558**  
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**\*SENDING HYMN**

*"Faith of Our Fathers! Living Still"*

**all 3 verses**      ♪ **Red #282**  
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*{Acolyte carries the light back into the world, leading us,  
 as we now go to carry God's light and love back into the world.}*



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 Thank you to all who have made this worship experience possible.

	<u>Today</u> <b>October 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<u>Next Sunday</u> <b>November 7<sup>th</sup></b>
Usher Captain	Jon H.	Georgi H.
Usher Co-Captain	Robin H.	Nevin K.
Usher/Greeter	-	-
Usher/Greeter	-	-
Acolyte	Geri G.	Geri G.
Welcome/Lector	Sheri R.	Elsa W.
Cantor	Brian K.	Sheri R.
Sermon	Pastor Ben	Pastor Ben
Children's Message	Pastor Ben	Geri G.
AV Tech	Kirk A.	Kirk A.

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### **The Flow of the Worship Service**

Our worship service has an intentional order to it. The flow of worship is called the liturgical movement. The movement reminds us weekly of our journey in faith of moving from being separated from God by sin, to being restored by God's grace as disciples of Christ. It is based on the sixth chapter of the Biblical book of Isaiah.

- (1) God welcomes us and invites us
- (2) We respond to God's call by worshipping Him
- (3) We confess our need for God's forgiveness and grace
- (4) We are assured of God's forgiveness and grace
- (5) We learn more about God's will through scripture, song, and sermon
- (6) We grow closer to God and one another through prayer
- (7) We give God thanks by offering our time, talent, and treasure
- (8) God sends us into the world to share His love and grace with others

## † Prayer List †

*Please lift up those listed here in your prayers this week.  
“Pray for one another, so that you may be healed.  
The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” ~ James 5:16b*

### **Medical Concerns & Healing:**

Terry B.  
Sam B.  
Lori & Ryan B.  
Deb D.  
Rich D.  
Jacob E.  
Andy G.  
Jaden G.  
Ann H.  
Leigh H.  
Richard H.  
Rev. David K.  
Jim & Donna K.  
Janice L.  
Ella L.  
Edmund L.  
Amy M.  
Diane M.

### **Medical Concerns & Healing:**

George M.  
Nate, Jenny, Luke & Teddy M.  
Gary N.  
Terry O.  
Terry P.  
Paul P.  
Fred R.  
Earl S.  
Jim S.  
Rob & Jodi S.  
Spencer Family  
Kathy S.  
Martha W.

### **Social Concerns:**

Those impacted by COVID-19  
Those working on a vaccine for  
COVID-19  
Those who serve in the armed  
forces

### **Celebration:**

Wedding of Kayla A. (daughter of  
Kirk & Geneva A.)

### **Mourning:**

Family & Friends of Robert G. Jr.  
Family & Friends of R. Lynn H.  
Family & Friends of Starr M.  
Family & Friends of Chick M.  
Family & Friends of Sharon R.  
Family & Friends of Bruce W.  
Stephanie W. & Family with the  
passing of her father

*Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you.  
All are welcome to add names to the prayer list.*

*Names are generally left on the list for about four weeks.  
Please let us know if you would like a name to remain longer or shorter.  
If you would like someone's name added to the prayer list,  
please contact the church office at 610-621-5770 or [office@sprucc.org](mailto:office@sprucc.org).*

### **Visitation Care Team**

Our Visitation Care Team (VCT) is composed of lay members who have been trained for visitation. If you are in need of prayer, a visit, or just a listening ear, they are here to be of support to you. To contact the Visitation Care Team with a visitation request or to share information about a potential care need email the VCT at [CareTeam@sprucc.org](mailto:CareTeam@sprucc.org). For more information, go to our “[Visitation Care Ministries](#)” page at [www.sprucc.org](http://www.sprucc.org) under the “ministries” tab.

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Link to Website's  
Upcoming Events

## ††† General Announcements †††

### Welcome!

We are glad that you are here to worship with us. May you find the worship and message meaningful and satisfying to your soul. May your week be blessed.

### Sunday School Materials

Sunday school music, videos, and an assortment of other materials are available for downloading. Click on this link for [Sunday school for youth](#).

### Devotional Music

Pastor Bob has added an 8th selection of musical devotions to our website. We hope you enjoy the special musical journey he will be taking you on in this latest release, which includes original compositions, and experience a centering in the Holy Spirit through this music. Click on this link for [Devotional Music](#).

### Sunday School

Sunday school for adults and youth has resumed. Both adult and youth classes will be shared with Zion UCC. Please join us to learn more about God's Word each Sunday at 9:00am.

### Following Worship Service

After worship, there will be a fellowship time in the Miller Fellowship Hall with Zion UCC.

### Halloween Treats

The Evangelism Committee will be handing out Halloween treats tonight, Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> in front of the church from 6:00-9:00pm. If you can help hand out candy, please let the church office know, or show up at 6:00pm. We always have a fun time.

### Christmas Candy

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Christian Women's Group is now taking Christmas Candy orders. Order forms may be found at church or on our website. **Please submit your order with payment to the church by the end of the day today, October 31<sup>st</sup>.** The candy will be available for pickup at the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 20 between 9:00am & 1:00pm.

The Women's Group will be making the candy starting on Sunday, November 7 (at 2:00pm). Candy making will continue during the week, Monday to Wednesday (possibly Thursday) starting at 8:30am each day. Help is needed (both male & female) to mix, roll, coat, box, etc. Please contact the church office with any questions.

### End of Daylight Savings Time

Next Sunday, November 7, we will return to Standard Time. Please remember to turn your clock back (fall back) one hour.

### All Saints Day

Next Sunday, November 7, we will be remembering and honoring members that have passed away since the last All Saints Day. Those that will be remembered and honored are *Elizabeth M. Phillips, Sara J. Walker, Barbara A. Blatt, Marilyn L. Wyckoff, and Sarah A. Morris-Starr*. If we accidentally missed a name, please contact the church office.

### Neighbors in Need (NIN) Special Offering

In 2021 the NIN "Unfailing Love" offering is focused on supporting organizations and projects that are serving homeless and immigrant neighbors or communities. Most UCC churches collect this offering on the first Sunday in October as part of World Communion Sunday, but contributions can be made at any time. A special offering envelope may be found on the table in the hallway just outside the sanctuary. NIN is one of the UCC's Five for Five Special Mission Offerings.

### Christmas Bazaar

The Bazaar will be here soon! It's scheduled for Saturday, November 20 from 9:00am-1:00pm. There will be candy, baked goods, attic treasures, basket raffle, and more!! Contact the church office with questions.

### **Women's Monthly Luncheon**

On the second Thursday of each month, the women of Zion get together to share a meal at the Country Fare Restaurant (Myerstown) at noon. The next luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, November 11, and they would like to invite St. Paul's women to join them. If you would like to attend, please let Pastor Mary Etta know by Tuesday (11/9) of that week. She may be reached at [mestme@aol.com](mailto:mestme@aol.com) or 610-659-2775.

### **Weekly Morning Bible Study**

Every Tuesday morning at 9:00am, Zion UCC offers a Zoom Bible Study based on the scripture passages for the coming Sunday. The study goes from 9:00-9:45am. All are invited! The same Zoom numbers are used each week.

To join the Zoom meeting use the following:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87452124156?pwd=RzI3dTI4Uy8vWGpBQnRzOGV2bnlrdz09>

Meeting ID: 874 5212 4156

Passcode: 783249

For people joining with telephone, choose one of these numbers:

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

### **Evening Bible Study - All are invited!**

The evening Bible Study has begun. You may participate from home using the Zoom information found below, or you may participate in person by coming to the church. A large screen will be set up in the Miller Fellowship Hall. The schedule will be as follows:

~~October 20~~

~~October 27~~

November 17 (Not November 24)

December 15 (Not December 22 or December 29)

January 19

January 26

February 16

February 23

We will meet a total of 8 times from 6:30-7:30pm. During each meeting we will cover 2 sessions found in the Bible Study book. The book is entitled, *Acts 1-12: God Moves in the Early Church*, and written by Chuck and Winnie Christensen. Although it would be nice to have the book, it is not necessary to participate. However, a Bible will be needed (any version). If you do not have a Bible, come to the church and a Bible will be supplied. Pastor Mary Etta will be our study leader. **All are invited!** The same Zoom numbers will be used each week.

To join the Zoom meeting use the following (they are the same as the Weekly Morning Bible Study):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87452124156?pwd=RzI3dTI4Uy8vWGpBQnRzOGV2bnlrdz09>

Meeting ID: 874 5212 4156

Passcode: 783249

For people joining with telephone, choose one of these numbers:

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

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## About Today

**Church Season: Pentecost** -which is the season of the church in mission. It is the time between the ascension of Christ and his second coming, which is the time we are presently living in today, and as such is the longest season of the church year. The day of Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian church.

**Color of the Paraments** (cloths on the altar and pulpit):

**Green** - symbolizing the life God brings, especially through our mission work.

The suggested scripture lessons are from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which selects passages throughout the Bible over a three year cycle. The RCL is the most common lectionary used by Christian churches. We are in **Year B**, which emphasizes the Gospel of Mark.

The Bible is in two sections: Old Testament - OT (scripture prior to Christ's birth), located in the first 2/3 of the Bible; and New Testament - NT (about Christ & early church).

**This Sunday, October 31, 2021, Lectionary Reading for 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Ruth 1:1-18 *and* Psalm 146; Deuteronomy 6:1-9 *and* Psalm 119:1-8; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

**The scriptures selected for Reformation Day are as follows:**

Jeremiah 31:31-34 ; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

### **Jeremiah**

The book of Jeremiah (OT) is attributed to the major prophet Jeremiah and written around 600-500 B.C. (B.C.E.). A prophet is one who is divinely appointed by God to lead and instruct. Jeremiah's ministry extended over the last tragic forty years of the kingdom of Judah to the destruction of Jerusalem and the deportation of the Jewish people to Babylon.

### **The Letter of Paul to the Romans**

This epistle (letter) is addressed "to all God's beloved in Rome." It was dictated by the Apostle Paul to Tertius in 58 A.D. in Corinth and delivered to Rome by Phoebe (she was appointed by Paul as a deacon, teacher, and leader of the church). Paul was a Christian, Jew, Pharisee, Roman citizen, and church leader, who had a direct encounter with Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus after Jesus' ascension into heaven. Paul, a highly educated man, wrote more of the NT than any other person.

### **The Gospel According to John**

John is the latest of the four Gospels, written around 80-90 A.D. probably in Ephesus, and attributed to John the son of Zebedee, the beloved disciple of Jesus. This Gospel was "written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and through believing you may have life in his name" (20:31).

**Next Sunday, November 7, 2021, Lectionary Reading for 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 *and* Psalm 127; 1 Kings 17:8-16 *and* Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

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\*God of Grace and God of Glory

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930

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John Hughes, 1907

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On thy peo - ple  
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3. Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to  
 4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that  
 5. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils

pour thy power; Crown thine an - cient church's sto - ry; Bring her bud to  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us, Free our hearts to  
 thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, Rich in things and  
 they may be Ar - mored with all Christ-like gra - ces In the fight to  
 we de - plore; Let the search for thy sal - va - tion Be our glo - ry

glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,  
 faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,  
 poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,  
 set men free. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,  
 ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
 For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.  
 Lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 That we fail not man nor thee, That we fail not man nor thee.  
 Serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, Serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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# The Christian Life

MARTIN LUTHER, 1529  
Tr. FREDERICK H. HEDGE, 1853

8. 7. 8. 7. 6. 6. 6. 7.

EIN' FESTE BURG  
MARTIN LUTHER, 1529

*May be sung in unison. In majestic style*

1. A might - y fort - ress 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 threaten to un - do us;  
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, No thanks to them, a - bid - eth;

Our help - er He a - mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.  
 Were not the right man on our side, The man of God's own choos - ing.  
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri-umph through us.  
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sid - eth.

For still our an-cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are  
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He, Lord Sab - a - oth His  
 The Prince of dark-ness grim, We trem-ble not for Him; His rage we can -  
 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 is not his e - qual.  
 name, From age to age the same, And He must win the bat - tle.  
 dure, For lo! his doom is sure, One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 kill; God's truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - er. A - MEN.

# Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet

Amy Grant, M. W. Smith

Arranged by:

Sonia Sequeira

Adagio, 69 bpm Sl. Ballad

D A D A G A D

Piano

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path

D A D A G A D

Pno.

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path

A Em Bm F#m

Pno.

1. When I feel a - fraid I i think I've lost my way  
2. Now I will not-for-get You - r love for me an - d yet

G A G D

Pno.

Still you're there ri - ght be - side me  
My heart for - e - v - er is wander - ing

A Em Bm F#m

Pno.

And no - thing wi - ll I fear As - s long as yo - u are near  
Je - sus be - e - my Guide An - d hold me by - y your side And

G A F# A

Pno.

Please be near me to the end.  
I will love You to the end.



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Conflict and Victory

FREDERICK W. FABER, 1849  
Stanzas 2, 3, alt.

8. 8. 8. 8. 8. 8.

ST. CATHERINE  
HENRI F. HEMY, 1865  
Alt. JAMES G. WALTON, 1871

*With dignity and conviction*

1. Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still In spite of  
 2. Faith of our fa - thers! we will strive To win all  
 3. Faith of our fa - thers! we will love Both friend and

dun - geon, fire, and sword, O how our hearts beat high with joy  
 na - tions un - to thee; And through the truth that comes from God  
 foe in all our strife, And preach thee, too, as love knows how,

When - e'er we hear that glo - rious word: Faith of our fa - thers,  
 Man - kind shall then be tru - ly free: Faith of our fa - thers,  
 By kind - ly words and vir - tuous life: Faith of our fa - thers,

ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.  
 ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.  
 ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death. A - MEN.