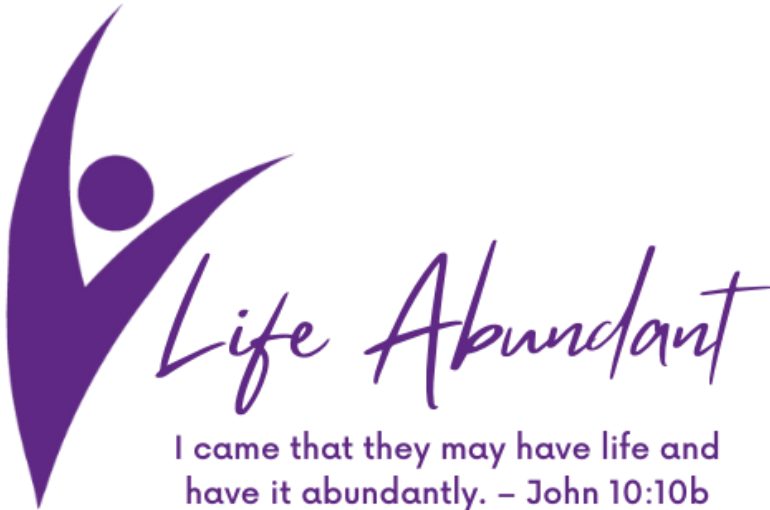


WELCOME TO WORSHIP



Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2024
11:00 am

Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church
102 West Rose Tree Road
Media, Pennsylvania 19063
www.relcmedia.org

Welcome to Reformation!

Land acknowledgement – Reformation is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Lenapehoking (Lenni-Lenape) people, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all of our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

A special welcome to visitors – we pray that the encounter with God in worship will nurture us in Christian faith and equip us for our life of loving service and justice in the world.

Children in worship are a blessing. We invite our smallest members to sit toward the front where it is easiest for them to see and hear worship and to join the pastors for the Sermon on the Steps.



Worship bags (filled with coloring books and crayons) are available at the back of the sanctuary and can be taken to your seat.

A play space is also available at the back of the sanctuary with additional books and soft toys.

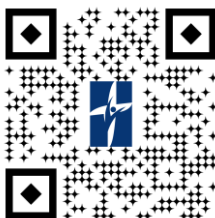
A professionally staffed nursery is available for children from birth to age 4. Patty Boccella is our nursery attendant. Worship is livestreamed to the nursery as well as to the lobby.

All are welcome at the table of our Lord Jesus Christ where God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. We believe Christ is present in the bread and wine. Instructions for distribution are printed in the service bulletin.

Our Prayer List can be found at relcmedia.org/virtualchurch. To make your prayer request known, please call the church office (610-891-0600, ext. 115) or send an e-mail to rlc@relcmedia.org.

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Large print bulletins are available from an usher.



Scan to give online through our secure platform or through Venmo.

WORSHIP REFLECTIONS & DRAWING SPACE

This space is for everyone to make notes, ask questions, doodle, and offer insights or ideas. Feel free to tear out this page to take with you.

QUOTE TO CONSIDER

Each year, around the latter part of winter, Lent arrives. It nearly always surprises me.

Here it is, once again, summoning me to change how I typically live.

- *W. David O. Taylor*

QUESTION TO CONSIDER

What is surprising you during this Lenten journey?

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☒ = Congregation

☒ = Assisting Minister

☒ = Presiding Minister

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Remember

Gamboa, Bowe, Abioye, Gamboa and Gamboa

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

☒ This is the day that the Lord has made.

☒ **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.** (Psalm 118:24)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☒ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

☒ **Amen.**

☒ Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

☒ Gracious God,

☒ **we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

☒ By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, ✠ God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life.

☒ **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Graves into Gardens

Verse 1 **I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Vain empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough
Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love**

Chorus **Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You**

Verse 2 **I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws
Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain
Is the God of the valley
There's not a place
Your mercy and grace won't find me again**

Chorus

Bridge 1 **You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can X2**

Bridge 2 **You turn graves into gardens
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can X2**

Chorus

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GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

KYRIE

Waliger arranged by Flaten

♩ = 74

Vocals 1

God have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy God have mer - cy

Vocals 2

God have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy God have mer - cy

4

on - us, God have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy

3

on - us, God have mer - cy Christ have

7

God have mer - cy on - us...

mer - cy God have mer - cy on - us...

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:5-10

A A reading from Hebrews.

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; ⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Vocals

O-pen my ears God Help me to hear your voice. O-pen my ears God Help me to hear.

GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

After the reading has concluded:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

SERMON

Vicar Paula Estornell

Silence for reflection

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Every Promise

- Verse 1 **From the breaking of the dawn To the setting of the sun
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
Words of power strong to save That will never pass away
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
For Your covenant is sure And on this I am secure
I can stand on ev'ry promise from Your word**
- Verse 2 **When I stumble and I sin Condemnation pressing in
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
You are faithful to forgive That in freedom I might live
So I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
Guilt to innocence restored You remember sins no more
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word**
- Verse 3 **When I'm faced with anguished choice I will listen for Your voice
And I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
Through this dark and troubled land
You will guide me with Your hand
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
And You've promised to complete Ev'ry work begun in me
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word**
- Verse 4 **Hope that lifts me from despair Love that casts out ev'ry fear
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
Not forsaken not alone For the Comforter has come
And I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
Grace sufficient grace for me Grace for all who will believe
We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word**

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM – RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

- P** The following persons desire to make public affirmation of their baptism as a sign of their participation in the life and work of the Church of Christ:

Frank McGugan
Erin McGugan
Ken Rowland

Michele McGugan
Alex McGugan

- P** Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these new members, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C **Amen.**

The presiding minister addresses those affirming their baptism.

- P** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
(*response*: I renounce them.)

- P** Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
(*response*: I renounce them.)

- P** Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
(*response*: I renounce them.)

The presiding minister addresses the new members and the assembly.

- P** Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

- P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C** **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The presiding minister addresses those affirming their baptism.

- P** You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person answers in turn: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

- P** People of God, do you promise to support these new members and pray for them in their life in Christ?
- C** **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

- P** Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Continue to strengthen these new members with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

New members face the assembly.

- P** Let us rejoice with these friends in Christ.
- C** **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

New Members return to their seats and the service continues with the Prayers.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Opportunity will be provided for you to offer prayers for concerns on your heart, silently or aloud. Please conclude each prayer petition with the words, "Lord, in your mercy."

- A** Returning to the Lord, our God, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

After each portion of the prayers:

- A** Lord, in your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

- A** Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace saying "Peace be with you" or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Tithes and offerings are gathered for the mission of the church

MUSICAL OFFERING

Look Up Child

Jason Ingam, Lauren Daigle
and Paul Mabury

Children are invited to join the pastors at the altar.

SETTING THE TABLE

The assembly stands to sing as the gifts are brought forward.

Brooke Ligertwood

Make me Your ves-sel, make me an of-fer-ing

3 Make me what-ev-er You want me__ to be.

5 came here with noth-ing but all you have giv-en me.

7 Je - sus, bring new wine out of me.__

OFFERING PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Holy God,
C gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- ☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Crowder, Dodson, Maher, and Waldrop

Erik Flaten



Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly

Ho - ly Heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry, your

glo - ry. Bless-ed is He who comes comes in the na - me of the

Lo - rd. Ho - sa - na in the high - est._____

- ☐ Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
... be all honor and glory, now and forever.

☑ Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- ☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- ☑ **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 trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever.
Amen.**

COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C **Thanks be to God!**

The assembly is seated.

All are welcome at the table of the Lord! We believe and teach that Christ is present in the mystery of the sacrament of Holy Communion and that by communing with him we receive forgiveness of our sin.

Communion will be distributed by intinction – after you receive the bread, you may dip it in the chalice on the bread tray, which has grape juice, or the chalice held by the communion assistant, which has wine. Children who have not received instruction for communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to walk to communion, please let an usher know so that a pastor can bring communion to your seat. Gluten free wafers are available upon request to the pastor distributing the bread.

As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen

The assembly sings the following during communion.:

Lamb of God

Travis Cottrell

Vocals

♩ = 73

1 I come bro-ken to be mend-ed I come wound-ed to be

4 healed. I come des-p'rate to be res-cued. I come emp-ty to be

8 filled. I come guilt-y to be par-doned by the blood of Christ, the

12 lamb. And I'm wel-comed with o-pen arms, praise God just as I

17 am.

COMMUNION SONG

God's Highway

Verse 1 **My feet are strong my eyes are clear
I cannot see the way from here
But on we go You know the way
And in Your arms You keeps me safe**

Chorus **Fear not keep on watch and pray
Walk in the light of God's highway**

Verse 2 **The shadows flee the valley's deep
But evil cannot conquer me
Your rod and staff they protect me
You give me rest You give me peace**

Chorus

Verse 3 **I see the shore from troubled seas
This tiny ship that carries me
It is not yet but it will be
So heaven come it's You we need**

Chorus

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After all have communed, the assembly stands.

TABLE BLESSING

☞ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
☞ Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

☞ Let us pray. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
☞ Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P Almighty and merciful God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

You Will Never Run

Chorus 1 **You will never run away You're forever mine
You will never run away You're by my side**

Interlude **Oh oh oh**

Verse 1 **Love wide as galaxies love deeper than the sea
Countless as all infinity
Love like a shooting star tearing apart the dark
Shining for all eternity Shining for all eternity**

Chorus 2 **You will never run away You're forever mine
You will never run away You're by my side
You will never run away You forever shine
You will never run away You're by my side**

Verse 2 **Love stronger than the grave Love rolled the stone away
Rising with endless majesty Love takes us by the hand
Love is the wildest dance
You are the joy and fight in me
You are the joy and fight in me**

Chorus 2

Ending **Oh oh oh
Oh oh oh**

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DISMISSAL

A Called by Christ,

C We invite all people, serve our neighbors, and build a living faith.

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God.

To see the list of today's worship volunteers, you can go to
relemedia.org/worshipteam, scan here:



or visit the Worship Team information stand in the lobby.

OUR MISSION: Called by Christ, we INVITE all people,
SERVE our neighbors, and BUILD a living faith.

WELCOME: Called by Christ we invite all people, celebrating the diversity of God's creation. Reformation is an affirming congregation for all: rejoicing with the young and old, welcoming people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, working to cultivate an accessible and inclusive community for all abilities, and embracing all races, cultures, and faith traditions.

We serve our neighbors following the teachings of Christ. Reformation responds to the needs of the most vulnerable - providing nourishment and comfort, supporting the work of the local and global church, and protecting God's creation for future generations.

We build a living faith emboldened by the Holy Spirit. Reformation embodies the unconditional love of God through worshiping and learning together and valuing the gifts of everyone. To create the fullness of our community of faith, we nurture relationships, pursue racial equity and gender justice, and advocate for the wellbeing of the marginalized.

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