



Beloved Community

Beloved, let us love one another, because
love is from God. - 1 John 4:7

Reformation Lutheran Church

November 24, 2024 | 11:00 am

Reign of Christ

Welcome to Reformation!

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

Welcome! First time visitors are invited to stop by our welcome center in the lobby. All are invited to **check in** with us using the friendship pads in your row or online at relcmedia.org/hello.

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 recognize and honor all of our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

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. A Pray Ground space is available during worship at the back of the sanctuary. Worship Bags can be filled at the Pray Ground and taken to your seat. A professionally staffed nursery is available for children from birth to age 4. Worship is livestreamed to the nursery as well as to the lobby. A family restroom is located on the lower level.

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Our Prayer List can be found at relcmedia.org/virtualchurch. To make your prayer request known, please call or email the church office at 610-891-0600, rlc@relcmedia.org.

Williams Personal PA Receivers are available for use by the hearing impaired.

Large print bulletins are available from an usher.

Gathering

*Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are indicated in bold

Prelude

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,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Reform us to be a church empowered by your love, acting for justice and seeking the healing of your whole creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Gathering Song*

Graves Into Gardens

Verse 1 **I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Vain empty praise 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 to 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*

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

Prayer of the Day*

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Word

First Reading

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

A reading from Daniel.

⁹ As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. ¹³ As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ¹⁴ To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Revelation 1:4b-8

A reading from Revelation.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

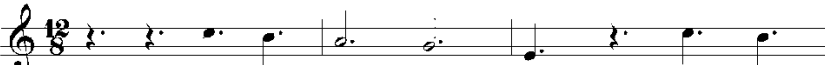
To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

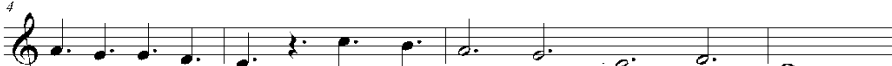
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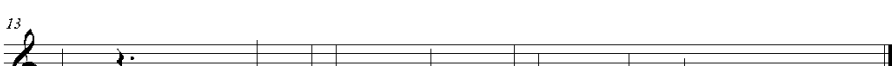
Gospel Acclamation*

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Vocals 
Word of God, en - throned, dwell in

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Vox. 
us for-ev-er more. Love has come to show the way.

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Vox. 
Hal-le - lu _____ jah, peace be with _____

¹³
Vox. 
us. Love has come to show _____ the way.

Gospel*

John 18:33-37

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵ Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷ Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon on the Steps

Sermon

Pastor Eileen Ruppel-Doan

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

Hymn of the Day*

Great Things

Verse 1 **Come let us worship our God
Come let us bow at God's feet
You have done great things
See what our Savior has done
See how God's love overcomes
You will do great things
God you do great things**

Chorus **O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
O God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
O God You have done great things**

Verse 2 **You've been faithful through every storm
You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is yes and amen
You will do great things
God You do great things**

Chorus

Bridge **Hallelujah God above it all
Hallelujah God unshakeable
Hallelujah You have done great things (repeat)**

Chorus

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Apostles' Creed*

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

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.**

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.**

Prayers of Intercession*

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

[After each prayer petition:]

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

[The prayers conclude:]

Trusting in your mercy and goodness, we bring before you these prayers and whatever else you see we need, in the name of the one who sets us free, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Peace*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

[The people greet one another with "Peace be with you" and a sign of Christ's peace.]

Meal

Offering

[Use pew envelopes or scan code to give online]



Musical Offering

Come Light Our Hearts

McCracken

Setting the Table*

Vocals

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

Vox.

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

Vox.

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

Vox.

Je - sus, bring new wine out of me. _

Offering Prayer*

Let us pray. Blessed are you,

O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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

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

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

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

Blessed are you, . . . as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night . . . remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer*

Joining our hearts and voices, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Thanks be to God!

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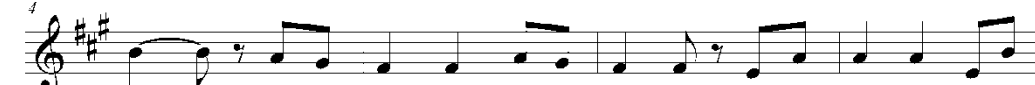
[The assembly sings the following during communion:]

Lamb of God


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Vocals 

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

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Vox. 

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

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Vox. 

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

¹²
Vox. 

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

¹⁷
Vox. 

am.

Communion Song

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 every 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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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. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

Blessing*

God all mighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Song*

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

Verse 1 **It all comes down to this
What you require of me
Love my neighbor as myself
And You above all things**

Chorus **Act justly love mercy walk humbly
With You God
In all things in all ways walk humbly
With You God**

Verse 2 **It all comes down to this
To be Your hands and feet
Good news to all the world
The truth will set us free**

Chorus

Bridge **It's beauty for ashes
It's mourning to dancing
It's closer and closer
The Kingdom of heaven (repeat)**

Verse 3 **Years from now we'll see
The fruit our hands have sown
Faith just like a seed
The only way it grows**

Chorus

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Dismissal*

Called by Christ,

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

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

Instrumental Musicians

Matthew Murphy, Guitar

Michael Hagarman, Bass

Noah Adams, Drums

Today's Worship Team

relcmedia.org/worshipteam



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Welcome to Reformation!

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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