

**W E L C O M E**



**Confirmation  
October 23, 2022  
3:00 pm**

**Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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## *Affirmation of Baptism*

At this service, we are celebrating the Affirmation of Baptism with ten of our students. The Confirmands have designed a service that is a reflection of their faith. As you participate in this celebration with them, here are some things to keep in mind that will make the worship more meaningful:

**The Music** – The Confirmands chose the music in today’s worship service. They include some favorite pieces of the class that are sung at the Tuscarora Retreat each spring as well as some of their favorites that are often a part of our worship here at Reformation.

**The Word** – The Confirmands created the sermon in the form of a skit. This year’s class created a message about what people say about God and faith.

## *Congratulations to our 2022 Confirmands!*

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☒ = Congregation

☒ = Assisting Minister

☒ = Presiding Minister

# GATHERING

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

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

☒ This is the day that the Lord has made.

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

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

☒ In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☒ **Amen.**

☒ Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*The assembly remembers their baptism as water is poured into the font.*

☒ We give you thanks, holy and gracious God, for you created the waters of the earth: wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers.

☒ **We thank you, O God.**

☒ You led your people through the sea and called them to life in covenant with you. Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us. You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.

☒ **We praise you, O God.**

☒ Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism. Wash away all the sin within us, and renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

☒ **Amen.**

*GATHERING SONG*

*Here I Am To Worship*

Verse 1      **Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You**

Chorus        **So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me**

Verse 2      **King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor**

Chorus

Bridge        **And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross**

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. Lord God of our ancestors, we thank you for what you have done and will continue to do with your children. Walk with them in life, and keep the evil one from obstructing their path. You see all; you know where the water is deep. Keep them from danger. Order their steps and guide their feet while they run the race of faith. May the good work that you have begun in them be brought to completion at the day of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

☑ **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

# WORD

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

## *FIRST READING*

Psalm 103:8-12

**A** A reading from Psalms.

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. <sup>9</sup>He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. <sup>10</sup>He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities. <sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; <sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## *SECOND READING*

Galatians 5:22-26

**A** A reading from Galatians.

<sup>22</sup>By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

An-cient words, ev-er true, chang-ing me, chang-ing  
you; We have come with o-pen hearts, O let the an-cient words im - part.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-22

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

*After the reading has concluded:*

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The assembly is seated.*

## SERMON

*Word on the Street*

*Silence for reflection*

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

*HYMN OF THE DAY 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

Chorus      **Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship Gods holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name**

Verse 1      **The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes**

Chorus

Verse 2      **You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find**

Chorus

Verse 3      **And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore**

Chorus

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### *AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM*

- P** Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

### *PRESENTATION*

*Each candidate desiring to make public affirmation of their baptism is presented by their Confirmation Mentor.*

- A** I present *name* who desires to make public affirmation of *his/her/their* baptism.

- P** Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings, 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.**

### *PROFESSION OF FAITH*

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

- P** Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**R** I renounce them.

- P** Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**R** I renounce them.

- P** Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**R** I renounce them.

- 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.**

**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?

**R** I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

**P** People of God, do you promise to support these siblings 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.

*The following blessing is repeated for each person. The ministers lay hands on the head of the candidate and others participating in the laying of hands place one hand on the candidate.*

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in *name* the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *his/her/their* faith, guide *his/her/their* life, empower *him/her/them* in *him/her/them* serving, give *him/her/them* patience in suffering, and bring *him/her/them* to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**P** Let us rejoice with these siblings 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 the world.**

### *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** 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 portion of the prayers:*

**A** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**A** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

### *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*

*The assembly stands.*

## *OFFERING PRAYER*

**A** Let us pray. Merciful God,

**C** **as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. 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.**

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

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.\_\_\_\_\_

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

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** In the night . . .

Do this for the remembrance of me.

### LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C** **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** Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

**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*

## COMMUNION SONG

### *Breathe*

Verse      **This is the air I breathe  
This is the air I breathe  
Your holy presence living in me  
This is my daily bread  
This is my daily bread  
Your very word spoken to me**

Chorus      **And I I'm desperate for You  
And I I'm lost without You**

Repeat Verse, Chorus

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*After all have communed, the assembly stands.*

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

**C** Amen.

*PRAYER*

**A** 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.

**C** Amen.

## SENDING

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

*BLESSING*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

Intro      **Oo Oo**

Verse 1      **I can see the clouds roll in  
I can feel the winds they try to shake me  
I will not be moved my feet are on the Rock**

Verse 2      **I can feel the waters rise  
I can hear the howling lies that haunt me  
Fear won't hold me now my feet are on the Rock**

Chorus      **When I feel my hope about to break  
I will cling to Your unchanging grace  
Let the waters come and the earth give way  
I'll be dancing in the rain  
(My feet are on the Rock Oo Oo)**

Verse 3      **I can see the morning light  
I can feel the joy on the horizon  
Here my faith is found I stand on solid ground**

Chorus

Bridge X3      **On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
So stomp your feet and clap your hands  
Our feet are on the Rock**

Chorus X2

Ending      **My feet are on the Rock Oo Oo  
My feet are on the Rock  
My feet are on the Rock Oo Oo  
My feet are on the Rock**



*DISMISSAL*

**A** Called by Christ,

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

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

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## **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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