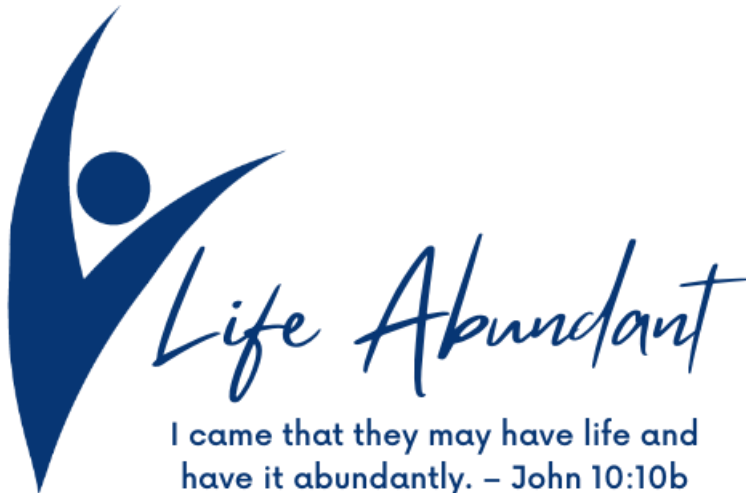


WELCOME TO WORSHIP



**Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 21, 2024
11:00 am**

**Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church
102 West Rose Tree Road
Media, Pennsylvania 19063
www.relcmmedia.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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☒ = Congregation

☒ = Assisting Minister

☒ = Presiding Minister

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Be Still

Brinkman, Espy and Roberts

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 stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

☒ **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. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and things left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

☒ The boundless riches of Christ are the gift of God's grace to all people. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☒ **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

☐ 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 God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

The assembly is seated

SERMON ON THE STEPS

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

☐ A reading from Jonah.

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

A A reading from first Corinthians.

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.


A The Word of the Lord.

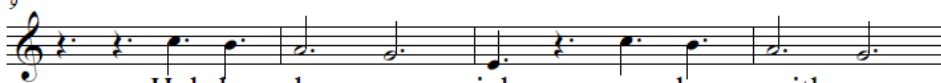
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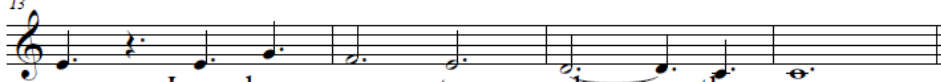
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

vocals 
Word of God, en - throned, dwell in

⁴
us for-ev-er more. Love has come to show the way.

⁹
Hal-le - lu____ jah, peace be with____

¹³
us. Love has come to show____ the way.

☞ The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

☛ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” ¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

After the reading has concluded:

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☛ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Vicar Paula Estornell

Silence for reflection

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

Intro **Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow**

Verse 1 **All Your ways are good All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone Higher than my sight
High above my life I will trust in You alone**

Chorus **Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose I will follow (You)**

Interlude **Yeah I will follow You yeah**

Verse 2 **Light into the world Light into my life
I will live for You alone You're the One I seek
Knowing I will find All I need in You alone
In You alone**

Chorus

Bridge **In You there's life everlasting In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy And I will follow**

Chorus, repeat Chorus

Ending **Yeah I will follow You yeah I will follow You yeah
I will follow You yeah**

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APOSTLES' CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C **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

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 Called to be light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing.

After each portion of the prayers:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

A Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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

Make Room

Heideriqui, Farro,
Cortazio and White

SETTING THE TABLE

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



We bring the sac - ri - fice of praise in - to the house of the
Lord; we bring the sac - ri - fice of praise in - to the
house of the Lord. And we of - fer up to
you the sac - ri - fic - es of thanks - giv - ing; and we
of - fer up to you the sac - ri - fic - es of joy.

OFFERING PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Merciful God,
C receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our 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.**

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

Erik Flaten

Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly God! Heav - en and Earth - are

7 full of your glo - ry! Blessed is the one who comes in the

12 name of God! Ho - sa - na In - the High - est!

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

☐ The gifts of God for the people of God.

☑ **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

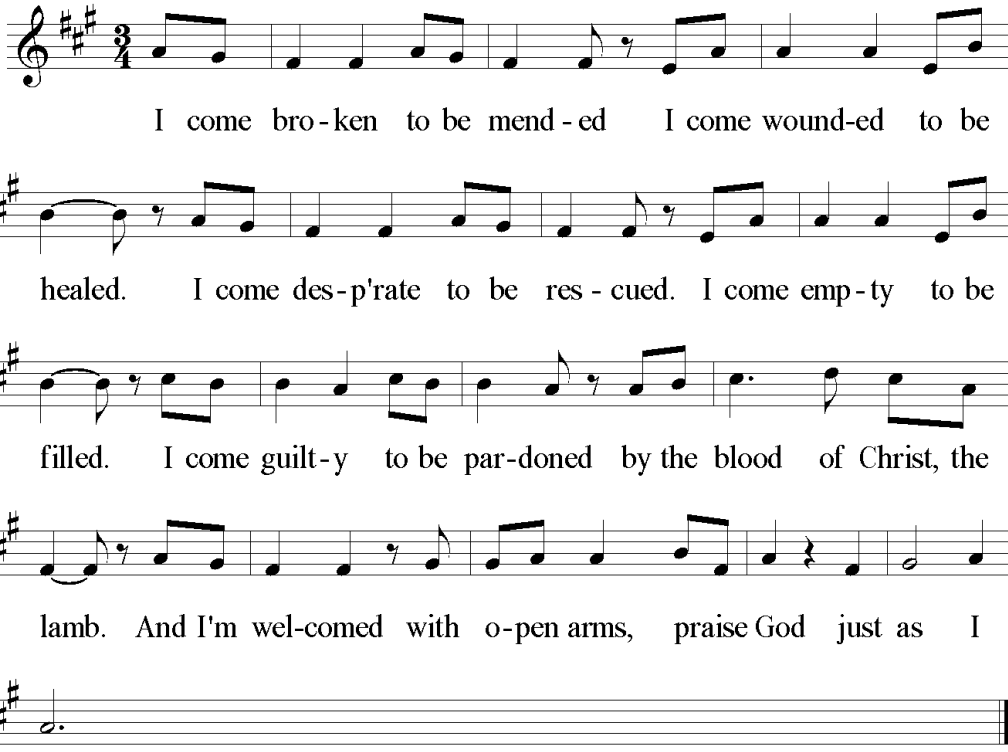
The assembly sings the following during communion.:

Lamb of God

Travis Cottrell

Vocals

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I come bro-ken to be mend-ed I come wound-ed to be
healed. I come des-p'rate to be res-cued. I come emp-ty to be
filled. I come guilt-y to be par-doned by the blood of Christ, the
lamb. And I'm wel-comed with o-pen arms, praise God just as I
am.

- 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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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

A Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Be the light for our path that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.

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.

SENDING SONG

Child of Love

Verse 1 **I was walking the wayside
Lost on a lonely road
I was chasing the high life
Try'n to satisfy my soul**

Verse 2 **All the lies I believed in
Left me crying like the rain
Then I saw lightning from heaven
And I've never been the same**

Chorus **I'm gonna climb a mountain I'm gonna shout about it
I am a child of love I found a world of freedom
I found a friend in Jesus I am a child of love**

Repeat Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus

Chorus

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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. Be the light of Christ.

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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