

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



Reconciling in Christ Sunday
January 28, 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.

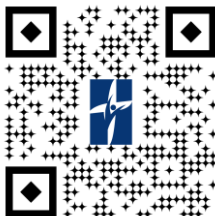
A professionally staffed nursery is available for children from birth to age 4. Patty Boccella is our nursery attendant. Worship is livestreamed to the nursery as well as to the lobby.

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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C = Congregation

A = Assisting Minister

P = Presiding Minister

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

P This is the day that the Lord has made.

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

C **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C **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.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Come As You Are

Verse 1 **Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal**

Chorus **(So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart
Come as you are**

Verse 2 **There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure**

Chorus

Verse 3 **There's joy for the morning O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal**

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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

P Let us pray. Open our eyes, O God, and help us to see that no one is outside your love. Let peace flow and justice roll down like an ever-flowing stream. Remind us that we are not alone thanks to affirming community and your abiding presence, through Jesus Christ, the free gift of grace.

C Amen.

The assembly is seated

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Amos 5:21-24

A A reading from Amos.

I despise and reject your feasts! I am not appeased by your solemn assemblies! When you offer me burnt offerings, I reject your oblations, and refuse to look at your sacrifices of fattened cattle! Spare me the racket of your chanting! Relieve me of the strumming of your harps! Instead, let justice flow like a river, and righteousness flow like an unending stream.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31-39

A A reading from Romans.

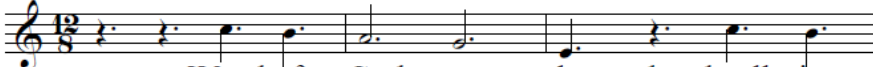
What should be our response? Simply this: “If God is for us, who can be against us?” Since God did not spare the Only Begotten but gave Christ up for the sake of us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that God will freely give us everything. Who will bring a charge against God’s chosen ones? Since God is the One who justifies, who has the power to condemn? Only Christ Jesus, who died—or rather, was raised—and sits at the right hand of God, and who now intercedes for us! What will separate us from the love of Christ? Trouble? Calamity? Persecution? Hunger? Nakedness? Danger? Violence? As scripture says, “For your sake, we’re being killed all day long; we’re looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered.” Yet in all this, we are more than conquerors because of God who has loved us. For I am certain that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, neither heights nor depths—nor anything else in all creation—will be able to separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus, our Savior.

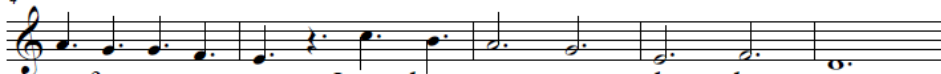
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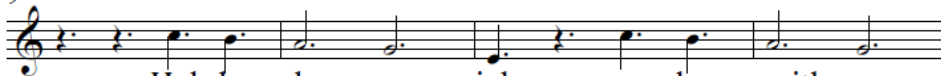
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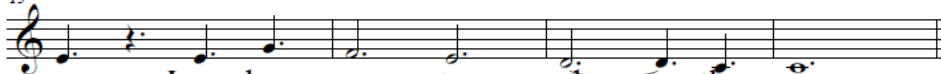
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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 Luke.

👉 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

An expert on the law stood up to put Jesus to the test and said, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit everlasting life?” ²⁶ Jesus answered, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷ The expert on the law replied, ““You must love the Most High God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”” Jesus said, “You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live.” ²⁹ But the expert on the law, seeking self-justification, pressed Jesus further, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ In reply Jesus said: “A traveler was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when they were attacked by robbers. The traveler was beaten, stripped naked, and left half-dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the traveler, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite came to the place and saw the traveler, and passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, who was taking the same road, also came upon the traveler and, filled with compassion went to them and bandaged their wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then the Samaritan put the traveler on a donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of them. ³⁵ The next day the Samaritan took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying ‘Look after this traveler, and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’ ³⁶ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the traveler who fell into the hands of robbers?” ³⁷ The expert in the law replied, “The one who showed compassion.” Jesus replied, “Go and do likewise.”

After the reading has concluded:

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

👉 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Eileen Ruppel-Doan

Silence for reflection

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

Chorus **Where justice rolls down like a mighty water
And righteousness grows like an ever-flowing stream
And mercy resounds like the waves on the ocean
Let praises rise high on the songs of the redeemed**

Verse 1 **There is a river that streams from the temple
Begins as a trickle but ends in the sea
As it grows healing it will give
Where it flows ev'rything will live**

Chorus

Verse 2 **Wade in the water and feel the strong current
Remember the stagnance of stale life before
God is here leave the past behind
In these clear waters you will find**

Chorus, 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

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

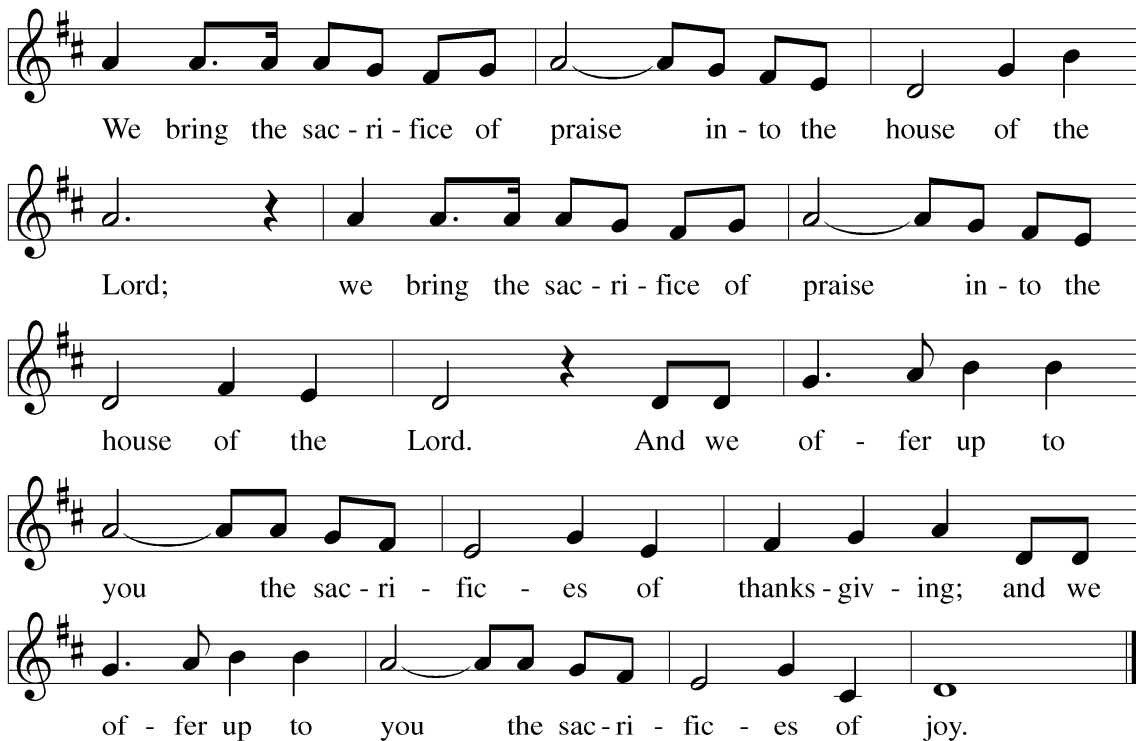
MUSICAL OFFERING

For Everyone Born

Joanna Whaley,
Shirley Erena Murry

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.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

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

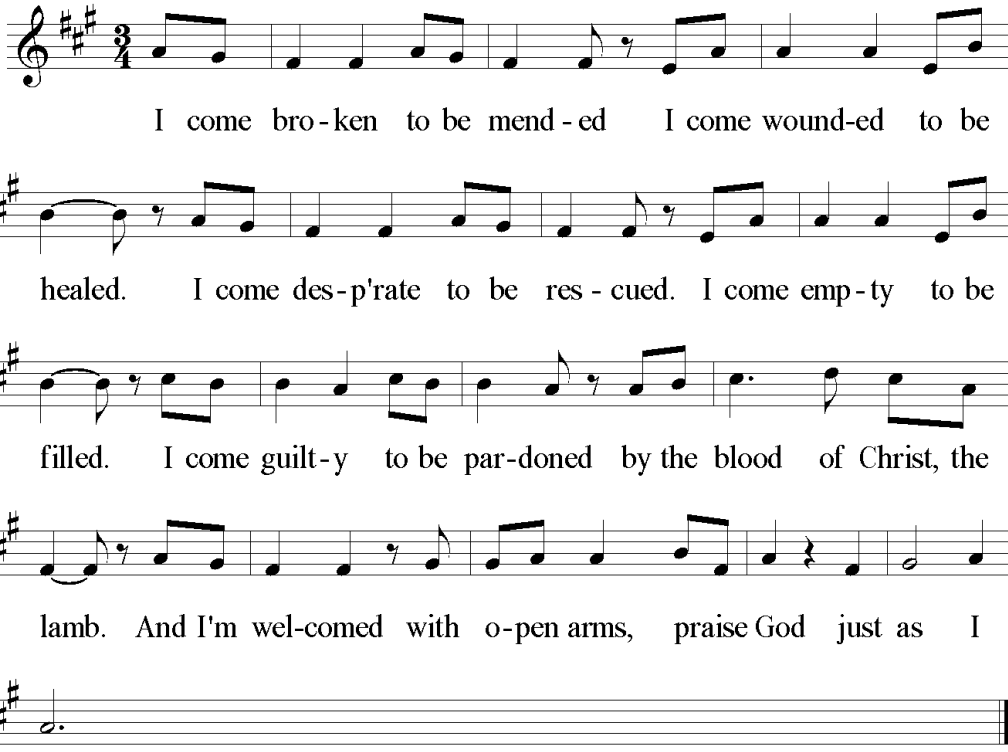
The assembly sings the following during communion.:

Lamb of God

Travis Cottrell

Vocals

$\text{♩} = 73$



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.

**Take, oh, take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.**

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After all have communed, the assembly stands.

TABLE BLESSING

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

C 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

🔊 May the radical love of God, Creator, + Redeemer, Sustainer bless you this day and forever.

🔊 **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 now in wholeness. Work for the justice of God.

C Thanks be to God.

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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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