



**Reformation Lutheran Church**

February 8, 2026 | 11:00 am

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

# 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](http://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](http://relcmedia.org/virtualchurch). To make your prayer request known, please call or email the church office at 610-891-0600, [rlc@relcmedia.org](mailto:rlc@relcmedia.org).

**Worship is livestreamed** and recorded. If you do not wish to be on camera, please sit in the balcony or speak to a pastor.

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

**Large print bulletins are available from an usher.**

# Gathering

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\*Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are indicated in bold

## Prelude

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## 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 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\*

A Hymn for Self-Acceptance

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Verse 1      **When you feel change might be hopeless,  
When you've given up on God,  
when you feel you're not worth saving,  
that your beingness is flawed.  
When your prayers still seem unanswered,  
Not a sound from the Divine,  
maybe you have been mistaken.  
God is sending you a sign.**

Verse 2      **Years and years, begging for turning  
into something that you're not,  
The wrong prayer you have been praying.  
You are not God's afterthought.  
You are made as God intended.  
You are perfect – flawless too!  
May each one of you remember,  
nothing severs God from you.**

Verse 3      **You are worth more than you realize.  
You are wonderfully made  
in the image of our Mother,  
Father, Parent, all the same.  
Don't let doctrines of our churches  
use the Word to misconstrue,  
for it's written in the scriptures,  
surely God delights in you!**

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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, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Word

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### First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup> Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup> Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. <sup>3</sup> “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup> You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. <sup>5</sup> Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? <sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? <sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. <sup>9a</sup> Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

A reading from First Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup> When I came to you, siblings, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup> My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. <sup>6</sup> Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. <sup>7</sup> But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory <sup>8</sup> and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—<sup>10</sup> God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

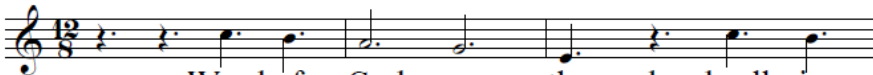
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Gospel Acclamation\*


[The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.]

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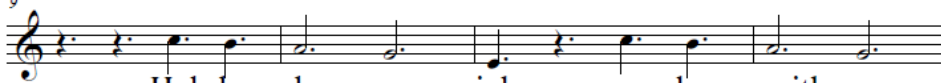
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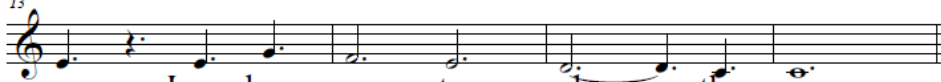
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## **Gospel\***

Matthew 5:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon on the Steps**

### **Sermon**

## Hymn of the Day\*

## Burn Like a Star

Verse 1      **We were born for greater things  
We were born to chase Your dreams  
Come my Lord awaken holy fire  
We are turning from our sin  
We are praying once again  
Come my Lord awaken holy fire  
We are aching for the real thing  
Hearts are open wide**

Chorus 1     **Burn like a star light a fire in our hearts  
Burn like a star light a fire in our hearts  
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Verse 2      **Send revival start in us  
Set Your holy spark in us  
Send us out in resurrection power  
History's about to change  
We are rising once again  
Send us out in resurrection power  
We are aching for the real thing  
Hearts are open wide**

Chorus 1     **Burn like a star light a fire in our hearts  
Burn like a star light a fire in our hearts  
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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\***

As God's beloved children, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

[After each prayer petition:]

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

[The prayers conclude:]

We commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing of the Prayer Shawls\***

### **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

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## Offering

[Use pew envelopes or scan code to give online]



## Musical Offering

Holy Forever

Tomlin and Ingram

## Setting the Table\*

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\***

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

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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music in G major, 3/4 time. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The chords are: D, Bm7, A7m, A, G, D, G, D, A, Bm, Gmaj7, D/A, A sus, D, G, D, A, Bm, Gmaj7, D/A, A, Bm, D, D/F#, Gmaj7, D/A, A, D.

Blessed are you, . . . both now and forever.

## Lord's Prayer\*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, 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

The gifts of God for the people of God.

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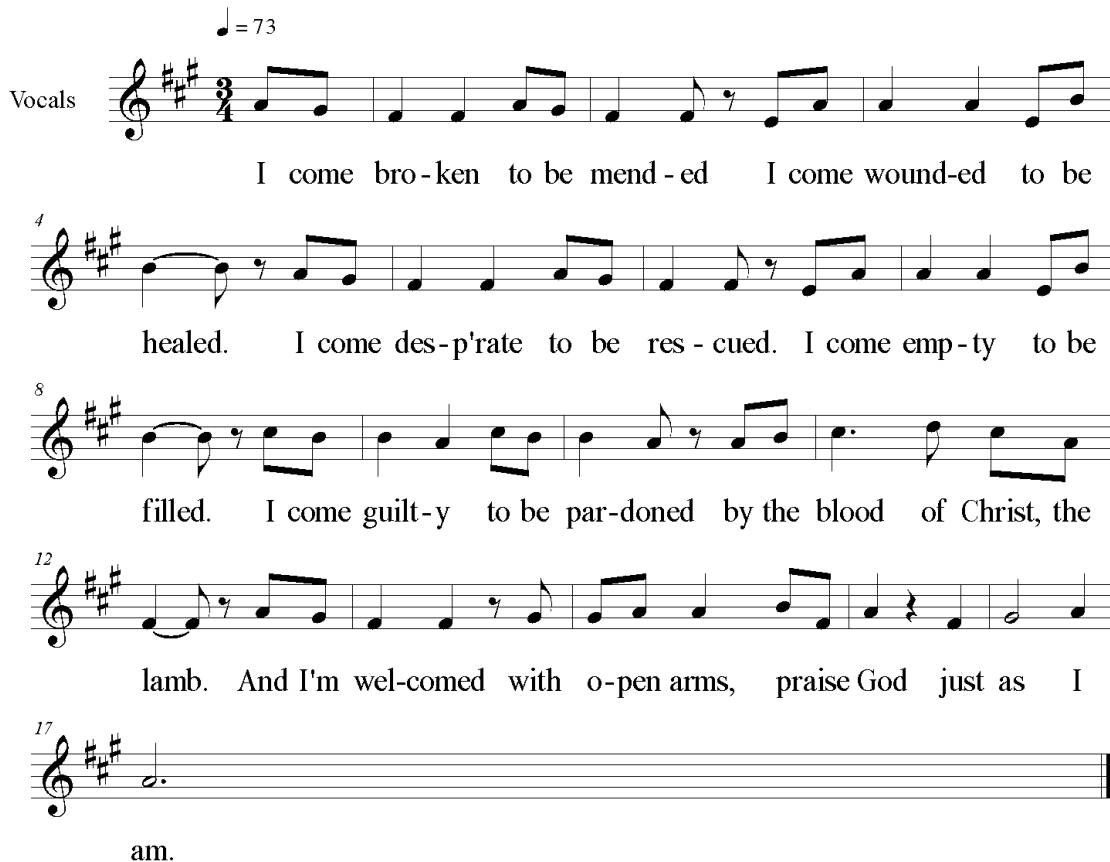
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[The assembly sings the following during communion:]

## Lamb of God

Travis Cottrell



Vocals

$\text{♩} = 73$

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

## Open the Eyes of My Heart

Chorus      **Open the eyes of my heart, Lord**  
**Open the eyes of my heart**  
**I want to see You**  
**I want to see You**

Verse        **To see You high and lifted up**  
**Shinin' in the light of Your glory**  
**Pour out Your power and love**  
**As we sing holy, holy, holy**

Bridge       **Holy, holy, holy**  
**We cry holy, holy, holy**  
**You are holy, holy, holy**  
**I want to see you**

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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. Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send us forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

# Sending

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## **Blessing\***

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.

**Amen.**

## **Sending Song\***

## **My Lighthouse**

**Verse 1**      **In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea**

**Verse 2**      **In the silence You won't let go  
In the questions Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea**

**Chorus**      **My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness  
I will follow You oh  
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
I will trust the promise  
You will carry me safe to shore  
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore**

**Verse 3**      **I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea**

**Chorus**      **My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
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## **Dismissal\***

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

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Today's Worship Team**  
[relcmedia.org/worshipteam](http://relcmedia.org/worshipteam)



## **Instrumental Musicians**

Erik Flaten, Piano

Matthew Murphy, Guitar

Michael Hagarman, Bass

Jack Burdwood, Drums

### **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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