

Order of Worship

We are caring believers who grow, share, and live out our faith in Christ.

October 29, 2023 Reformation Sunday 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE *“God of Ages, History’s Maker”* Bunessan
Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Approach to God

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 62

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from Him.

People: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

Leader: On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

People: Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.

*HYMN *“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”* #101

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wonderful God of Love, we live in a sense of low-grade anxiety. There’s so much going on around us – wars, concerns about the earth we live on, inflation. The people on one political pole are worried about the other pole, and the people in the middle are worried about people on both poles. Somehow in our anxiety and angst, we end up overlooking the joy that You offer. We are concentrating on the world, and so we don’t see the peace You hold out. In short, we’re so rooted in the life around us that we don’t take hold of the true, abundant life You make available to us. We confess that in the certainty of forgiveness through Christ. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

CHANCEL CHOIR *“Promised Land”* Natalie Sleeth

The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

*HYMN *“Wonderful Peace”* #743

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE John 20:19-31 p. 115 (NT)

SERMON *“Help”* Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

Our Response to God

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY #815

EXPLANATION OF NEXT WEEK’S COMMITMENT SUNDAY

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

*HYMN *“Peace Like a River”* #750

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“Be Thou My Vision”* arr. Joshua Evanovitch
Amy Duran, piano

***Please stand if you are able.**

PRAYER CONCERNS: Anonymous; Lynn Baker; Ernie Hepperle; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian.

THE UNITY PRAYER: God, we pray that the miracles Jesus performs would be signposts for us that reveal His salvation and abundant new life through Jesus in revealing the glory of Jesus being God’s Son.

THE FLOWERS are given by Chris Doyle in loving memory of her mother.

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Today	11:15	Bible Study
	11:15	Alleluia Choir
	11:15	Guild Executive Committee
Wednesday	7:15	Zoom Bible Study
Thursday		Bazaar Set-Up
	10:00	Bible Study
	7:30	Chancel Choir
Friday		Bazaar Set-Up
Saturday	10:00	Bazaar

Sunday, November 5, 2023 – Commitment Sunday

9:00 AM Chancel Choir
 10:00 AM Worship, Puppets & Sunday School
 11:15 Alleluia Choir
 11:15 Ministry Fair

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY! We will have the privilege of offering God commitments in the giving of our time, talent, and treasure. The talent portion of those commitments will take place after the worship service in Founders' Hall, a time when a ministry fair and light fare collide. So, we invite you for a few snacks and to see the displays of different ministries in which you can participate.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD IS UNDERWAY! There's a table set up in the Narthex where you can pick up boxes and labels. The boxes are due back on Sunday, November 12th.

TIME FOR A FREE TURKEY BREAST for anyone who qualifies at ShopRite. If you have no use for it, Feed Our Souls would love to have it for their December meal. Please leave them in the church freezer. Thank you!

REMEMBER TO save the date of the 125th anniversary celebration—November 19. Please return your RSVP cards (yay or nay) so that we can plan for the catered brunch portion of the day. They are due back this week by November 1. Thank you to those who have already returned your cards.

IT'S THE TIME OF YEAR when we start to prepare the offering envelopes for next year. If you don't have envelopes but would like to, please let Lori Anders in the office know by calling 201-768-2457 or emailing cchp@verizon.net. Or, you may fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. Each year those with offering envelopes receive a statement in early to mid-January of their tax-deductible donations to be used when filing tax returns.

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