



# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

*Reformation Sunday*

*October 25, 2020*

*Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.*

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

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*"Amazing Grace"*

*arranged by Charles Maggs*

### WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*(inspired by Psalm 46)*

The Loving One is our constant help  
therefore we are not afraid.  
Mountains shake, the sea roars,  
and the world we have known changes,  
but God's love is steadfast and forever.

**In stillness we know the love of God.**

Here a stream of gladness flows  
bringing Love into our midst,  
The world is uncertain;  
nations war and leaders fall from grace,  
but God's love is steadfast and forever.

**In stillness we know the love of God.**

Come and see the work of God  
who brings peace to the people of earth.  
In God's name, war comes to an end,  
and the weapons of war are silenced;  
truly God's love is steadfast and forever.

**In stillness we know the love of God.**

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



## OPENING PRAYER

Still our hearts, O God,  
and make us aware of your loving presence.  
Open our hearts to your teachings,  
that your ways might become our ways  
in every moment of our lives  
and with every beat of our hearts.  
**Amen.**

## WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL

John 8: 31 – 36

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word.  
He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in

the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*"In Christ Alone"*

*Stuart Townsend and Keith Getty*

### IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all—  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was **set aside**;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home—  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

By Grace,  
through Faith,  
*Alone* in Christ  
Ephesians 2:8

# THANKSGIVING

*In everything  
Give  
Thanks.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:18*

**PRAYERS of the PEOPLE**

**SHARING of the PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

## SENDING

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

**BLESSING**

**DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE**

*"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"*

*Martin Luther*

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might  
he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might!  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.





## ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

### SERVING TODAY

Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Pastor
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
Dave Pascoe	Videographer
Joyful Noise Bell Choir	Prelude
Sarah McCutcheon, Raija Koski-Bruce	Readers
No Fixed Address	Hymn of the Day
Katie Clark	Trumpeter
Yolanda Fil	Prayers of the People
Margaret Isaacs	The Lord's Prayer
Jessica Walker	Sending

#### In our Prayers

Rodney Erlandson, Melody Hogeveen, Mary Hughes, Al Jacksteit, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Lesley Powell, Sydney Ross, Helen Scollnik, and Elga Smidt.

#### All Saints Sunday: Light a Candle

Next Sunday is All Saints Sunday, when we will remember the saints who have blessed our own lives. If there is someone you would like a candle lit for as part of the service, please contact the office with the name of the person and your name. Please submit by the morning of Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### Ways to be involved

While we can't be in the building, there are still ways to stay involved and in community with others. Here are a few:

- Tuesday Bible Study via Zoom @ 7:00 pm
- Participate in the Virtual Worship: play an instrument or sing, read the Gospel, provide a Children's Message, lead the prayers, or tell a Faith Story. Please contact the office.
- Join in the Virtual Coffee Hour @ 11:00 am on Sunday mornings.
- The Neighbourhood Table @ Home is happening on Thursdays from 5 - 7 pm.

#### Pass the Offering Plate Please

Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Even while our doors are closed, our hearts and hands are open and busy. Our ministries need your support. Details for how to give are on [stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/](http://stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/).