



Our Worship of God

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 2026 | 10:30am

Guests, welcome! We would love to know you.

You are invited to complete the Welcome Card in the pew rack in front and place it in the offering plate or you can scan the QR code on the card to respond electronically. There is no pressure - this is simply a way for us to connect. **We are glad you are here.**

+ This symbol invites you to rise in body as you are able, or in spirit.

Welcome and Life of the Church

Krissi Vandagriff

Gathering Prayer

Voluntary

Hyfrydol
Timothy Shaw

Ken Kulosa, cello
Julia Matthews, piano

As we approach Reformation Day on October 31, we remember the Protestant Reformation, traditionally dated to October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther circulated his Ninety-Five Theses challenging certain practices of the Church. The Reformation profoundly shaped the life, faith, and worship of Christianity. Our own Baptist tradition emerged from movements of reform that followed, sharing in this rich and sometimes complicated history.

Today's music reflects this heritage through "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God", the beloved hymn by Martin Luther (1483–1546), whose work helped spark the Reformation, as well as a "Meditation on a Melody" by Martin Luther. As we sing and listen, we give thanks for those who have sought to renew and reform the Church throughout the centuries, remembering that the work of reformation is never finished. The Church is continually called to renewal and greater faithfulness in following Jesus Christ.

Opening of the Bible and Lighting of the Candles

Helen Mae Vandagriff

Call to Worship

We gather here to worship God.

We are here, with heart, soul and mind.

We gather here as Christ's body.

We are neighbors, learning how to love each other.

The Holy Spirit gathers us in to be sent out again.

We are here to worship and to be transformed.

Let us worship the Triune God!

+ Hymn 43

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

*And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us...*

Call to Confession

Von Hulin

We recognize the well-worn paths of sin in our lives and the world.
Let us confess our sin together, so that we may delight in God's laws of love.

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we are often good at following rules
while neglecting the heart of your commandments.
We place ourselves in the congregation of the righteous,
but take our seat among the scoffers.
We seek approval of our friends, family, and others whose opinions we value,
forgetting that our call is to please you, above all.
You call us to be holy, but we settle for self-righteousness.
You call us to be impartial, but we cannot shed our biases.
You call us to love our neighbors,
but we have been satisfied to keep them at arm's length.
You created us to love you with soul, heart, and mind,
but we have held parts of ourselves back. Have mercy on us, God.
Watch over our ways, redirect our paths,
and help us love you with abandon — heart, soul, and mind.
Make us instruments of reconciliation and transformation
as we seek to follow your law of love, made known to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

The gospel we proclaim is good news for us all: God's mercy is eternal.
We are made blameless through Jesus Christ.
Freed from sin's power over us, we can bear the fruit of God's love and righteousness.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

+ Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

+ Hymn

We Are One in the Spirit THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS
(See Back)

*Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing...
Christ Jesus, it is he—Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same...*

+ Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:19-27

Chris Fillingham

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Choral Music

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Sanctuary Choir

arr. Eric Nelson

Jennifer Wassenaar, flute

Text of anthem is available to read in pew hymnal – hymn 609

Julia Matthews, piano

Ken Kulosa, cello

Tara Crane

*Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.*

ST. DENIO

Holy God,
reform us by your love.

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.**

Ken Kulosa, cello
Julia Matthews, organ

OLD HUNDREDTH

Sanctuary Choir

Matt Vandagriff

Julia Matthews

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750) was a devout Lutheran whose faith and musical imagination were profoundly shaped by the Reformation begun by Martin Luther two centuries earlier. Luther's conviction that music was a gift of God, and his emphasis on congregational singing, helped establish a rich musical tradition that Bach would inherit and bring to extraordinary heights. Indeed, without Luther and the Reformation, we might never have known Bach—or his music—as we know it today.

Our postlude, Bach's magnificent *Toccatà and Fugue in D Minor*, has become one of the most recognizable works in the organ repertoire. Its dramatic opening has also become closely associated with Halloween through its use in films, television, and popular culture to evoke mystery, suspense, and the macabre. As Reformation Day and Halloween approach on October 31—two observances whose histories intersect with All Saints' Day, which we will observe next Sunday—today's postlude offers a fitting musical nod to both.

They'll Know We Are Christians

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from

one in the Lord, We are one in the
 walk hand in hand, We will walk with each
 work side by side, We will work with each
 whom all things come, And all praise to Christ

Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we
 oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to -
 oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll
 Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all

pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -
 geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our
 guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's
 praise to the Spir - it, who makes us

stored:
 land: And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our
 pride:
 one:

love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are

Chris - tians by our love.

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