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October 25, 2026 – Reformation Sunday Service of Holy Communion

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Musician: Kathryn Elford
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Worship Host: Kathy Kwasnitza

Welcome

Processional Song “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (ELW 504) vs 1,2,4

Greeting

Kyrie & Song of Praise – All Creation Sings (ACS Setting 12)

Prayer of the Day

Children’s Time

Psalm 46 sung responsively

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³ though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

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the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Gospel Acclamation – ‘Come to Alberta’ Canadian Liturgy

Gospel John 8:31-36

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

³³ 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’?” ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever.

³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

Sermon

Song of the Day ‘Soli Deo Gloria’ (ELW 878) vs 1,4,5

Affirmation of Faith

from Universe Sunday, posted on the Web of Creation website. webofcreation.org/SeasonofCreation/universe.html

We believe

**that God creates all things,
renews all things,
and celebrates all things.**

**We believe Earth is a sanctuary,
a sacred planet filled with God's presence,
a home for us to share with our kin.**

**We believe that God became flesh and blood,
became a part of Earth,
a human being called Jesus Christ,
who lived and breathed
and spoke among us,
suffered and died on a cross,
for all human beings and for all creation.**

We believe

**that the risen Jesus is the Christ
at the core of creation reconciling all things to God,
renewing all creation,
and filling the universe.**

**We believe the Spirit renews life,
groans in empathy with a suffering creation,
and waits with us
for the rebirth of creation.**

Prayers of Intercession

*In our prayers: Gertie B, Susan K, Cody M, Brendan S, Pr.
Erin T, Shirley E, Pr. Rod A, Darlene & Randy F, Anna E,
Pathma D, Lasantha J, Margaret O, Dwight M & family,
Hubert L, Liz H, Marla W, Julian S, and those we hold
dear in our hearts.*

Peace

HSLC Choir – ‘Standing on Holy Ground’ by Hafso

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer Emerging Church movement's retranslation from the Aramaic – Mark Berry

**O Breathing Life,
your Name shines everywhere!
Release a space to plant your Presence here.
Imagine your possibilities now.
Embody your desire in every light and form.
Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom.
Untie the knots of failure binding us,
as we release the strands we hold of others' faults.
Help us not forget our Source,
Yet free us from not being in the Present.
From you arises every Vision, Power and Song
from gathering to gathering.
Amen - May our future actions grow from here!**

Invitation to Communion

Communion Songs

'Lamb of God' All Creation Sings (ACS Setting 12)

'Build a Longer Table' (ACS 1062)

'Come Now, You Blessed' (ACS 1059)

'We Come Now to Your Table' (ACS 970) repeat as necessary

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Community Life

Sending Song *'The Church of Christ, in Every Age'* (ELW 729) vs 1,5

Dismissal

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