

\*All who are able are invited to stand.

*Please silence electronic devices.*

## ***DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD***

### ***DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD***

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (8:30) *All glory be to God on high* Paul Manz  
(11:00) *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. Benford  
Children's Handbell Choir

*(Please use this time to pray and prepare your heart for worship.)*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (8:30) Bonnie Algee (11:00) Barb Poier

Leader: God is a mighty fortress from generation to generation!

**People: God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.**

Leader: We need not be fearful, even if earthquakes come;

**People: even though mountains crumble into the sea.**

Leader: Let the oceans roar and foam.

**People: Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!**

Leader: The Lord Almighty is here among us;

**People: the God of Israel is our fortress from generation to generation!**

**All: Come, let us worship our mighty God together!**

\*HYMN 260 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN' FESTE BURG

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Holy God, as we stand together confessing our sins before you and one another, we acknowledge that we have judged unjustly, regarded others ungenerously, and kept silent in the face of wrongdoing. We know better and yet, even still, we have sinned. Forgive us, we pray.**

**God of mercy and peace, we long to live in accord with your desire and will for our lives, and we pray that your ways of compassion, kindness, and love for our neighbors will govern our hearts and minds, turning us towards lives of peace and justice.**

*(Time of silent examination, petition and reflection)*

Leader: We pray in the name Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

#### \*SHARING OF GRACE

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*(Please greet those near you with an expression of grace as we worship together.)*

#### TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS (11:00)

*I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing* African-American spiritual

Cherub Choir

*Praise Him!*

Pat Ballard

Children's Choir

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(11:00) Addison Owens

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 65:1-7

Addison Owens

Pew Bible page 459 Adventure Bible page 644

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

Pew Bible page 968 Adventure Bible page 1331

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 18:9-14

Pew Bible page 853 Adventure Bible page 1151

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

Disciples ... listen, learn, and pass on faith, hope, and love

Rev. Wiggins

### ***DISCIPLES RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD***

SPECIAL MUSIC (11:00)

*Westminster Carillon*

Michael Bedford

Handbell Choir

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) **A Litany for Reformation Sunday** See Insert

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Room in the Inn

Susan Shirley Hurt

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

## A Litany for Reformation Sunday

(Composed of excerpts from the Creeds, Catechisms, and Confessions of the Presbyterian Church [U.S.A.]  
(Compiled by The Reverend Susan Carter Wiggins)

One We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,<sup>i</sup> Nicene Creed  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.<sup>ii</sup> Apostles' Creed

ALL **We confess and acknowledge one God alone,** Scots Confession  
**distinct in three persons:**  
**the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,**  
**to whom alone we must cleave,**  
**and in whom alone we put our trust.<sup>iii</sup>**

Choir We believe that, Heidelberg Catechism  
we belong – body and soul, in life and in death –  
not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.<sup>iv</sup>

Men We believe that, Second Helvetic Confession  
all things are governed by the Providence of God.<sup>v</sup>

Women We believe that, Westminster Confession of Faith  
the Lord our God was pleased to make  
a second covenant of grace, wherein he freely  
offered unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ.<sup>vi</sup>

One We believe that, Shorter Catechism  
the chief end of humankind is to glorify God,  
and to enjoy God forever.<sup>vii</sup>

ALL **We believe that there is but one only, the living and true God.** Larger Catechism  
**God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being,**  
**glory, blessedness and perfection, all-sufficient,**  
**eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible,**  
**everywhere present, almighty,**  
**knowing all things, most wise, most holy,**  
**most just, most merciful and gracious,**  
**long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.<sup>viii</sup>**

Choir The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, Theological  
consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God Declaration of Barmen  
to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry  
of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.<sup>ix</sup>

Men We believe that, Confession of 1967  
the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ  
has set the pattern for the church's mission.<sup>x</sup>

Women We believe that unity is both a gift and an obligation Confession of Belhar  
for the church of Jesus Christ.  
Through the work of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force.  
At the same time, unity must be earnestly pursued and sought.  
Our unity must become visible to the world.

One We believe that separation and hatred between people and groups is sin,  
already conquered by Christ.  
Anything threatening our unity has no place in the church.<sup>xi</sup>

ALL **With believers in every time and place** Brief Statement of Faith  
**we rejoice that nothing in life or in death**  
**can separate us from the love of God**  
**in Christ Jesus our Lord.**  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.<sup>xii</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> The Nicene Creed, *The Book of Confessions: The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Part I*,  
Louisville, KY: Office of the General Assembly (PCUSA, 2016), 1.3

<sup>1</sup> The Apostles' Creed, Ibid, 2.3.

<sup>1</sup> The Scots Confession, Ibid, 3.01.

<sup>1</sup> The Heidelberg Catechism, Ibid, 4.001.

<sup>1</sup> The Second Helvetic Confession, Ibid, 5.029.

<sup>1</sup> The Westminster Confession of Faith, Ibid, 6.039.

<sup>1</sup> The Shorter Catechism, Ibid, 7.001.

<sup>1</sup> The Larger Catechism, Ibid, 7.117.

<sup>1</sup> The Theological Declaration of Barmen, Ibid, 8.26.

<sup>1</sup> The Confession of 1967, Ibid, 9.32.

<sup>1</sup> The Confession of Belhar, Ibid, 10.3.

<sup>1</sup> A Brief Statement of Faith, Ibid, 11.5, 11.6.

OFFERTORY (8:30) *Built On a Rock, the Church Doth Stand* Ludvig Lindeman  
Ethan Baskin, tenor

(11:00) *For I Know* John A. Benke  
Chancel Choir Laura Brown, flute

\*DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***DISCIPLES GO FORTH TO SERVE GOD***

\*HYMN 280 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* AMAZING GRACE

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00)

\*POSTLUDE *Tocatta and Fugue in D minor, BWV 656* Johann Sebastian Bach

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WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

*For I Know* (Jeremiah 29:11, adapted)

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you, not to harm you; plans with hope for tomorrow and future days too. Call on me, come to me, pray to me and I will listen.

Today's opening hymn is the one that most symbolizes the Protestant Reformation: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*. Basing his text on Psalm 46, Martin Luther victoriously states "We will not fear, for God has willed His truth to triumph through us." Those persecuted and martyred for their convictions during the Reformation sang these words. Luther understood the power of evil: after he posted his ninety-five theses on the door of Wittenberg's Castle in 1517, he faced years of trials and persecution, he was excommunicated from the Roman church, and he continually faced threats against his life and his freedom. Other reformers had been persecuted and burned at the stake. But Luther also knew "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in danger" and so he wrote *A Mighty Fortress*, proclaiming boldly that "the prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him . . . one little word shall fell him." Since he wrote it in 1529, Luther's hymn has been translated into nearly every language. The first line of *A Mighty Fortress* is inscribed on the tomb of Martin Luther at Wittenberg. Its powerful words and tune continue to live. The hymn was sung at the funeral of President Dwight D. Eisenhower at the National Cathedral in Washington DC in 1969, and it was also included in the National Service of Prayer and Remembrance held after September 11, 2001.

On the cover: Martin Luther window, stained glass. St. John's Lutheran Church, Oak Creek, WI.

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**Welcome to worship** at Germantown Presbyterian Church. Our sincere prayer is that you will find a place here among those who already call GPC home. If you have any needs or questions, please consult one of the ushers. We are truly glad God brought you here!

**Interested in joining GPC?** *You are welcome here!* For more information on how to become a member, please contact Anne Tansil at 901-754-7957, 901-826-5437(cell) or [Ltansil@bellsouth.net](mailto:Ltansil@bellsouth.net).



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