

# The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday + October 31, 2021

## Welcome & Announcements

**Moment for Mission** *Come to the Table - Stewardship*

## Opening Prayer

**Opening Song** *Open Up the Heavens*

**Verse 1** We've waited for this day, We're gathered in Your Name

Calling out to You, Your glory like a fire awakening desire  
Will burn our hearts with truth, You're the reason we're here  
You're the reason we're singing

**Chorus** Open up the heavens we want to see You

Open up the floodgates a mighty river  
Flowing from Your heart, Filling every part of our praise

**Verse 2** Your presence in this place Your glory on our face

We're looking to the sky  
Descending like a cloud You're standing with us now  
Lord unveil our eyes  
You're the reason we're here, You're the reason we're singing

## REPEAT CHORUS 2x

**Bridge** Show us show us Your glory, Show us show us Your power  
Show us show us Your glory Lord

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## Call To Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**All: Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer.**

*Moment of Silent Confession*

**Amen.**

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. Friends, in Christ and in Christ alone, we are forgiven, amen.

## Response to the Confession Prayer *Holiness/Take My life*

**Verse 1** Holiness holiness, Is what I long for, Holiness is what I need, Holiness holiness  
Is what You want from me

**Verse 2** Faithfulness faithfulness, Is what I long for  
Faithfulness is what I need, Faithfulness faithfulness  
Is what You want from me

**Chorus** So take my heart and form it, Take my mind transform it  
Take my will conform it, To Yours to Yours oh Lord

**Verse 3** Righteousness righteousness, Is what I long for  
Righteousness is what I need, Righteousness righteousness  
Is what You want from me

## REPEAT CHORUS

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## The Children's Message with Biblical Brains Presentation

**Closing Prayer (all): Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of the Bible, and we pray for each child receiving that gift today. We pray that they would use it often and that the pages of the Bible would help them experience Your love and grace. We pray that through the Bible, they would realize Your care and concern for them and experience Your comfort in times of trouble. We pray that they would discover the work You have called them to do as Your followers. May this Bible be a blessing to each of them as they seek to know You and go where You lead. Amen.**

*After the Children's Message, children Kindergarten and younger may leave for Wee One's Worship.*

## Pass the Peace (Leader)

The Peace of Christ be with you!

*Friends, the peace of Christ be with you! You are encouraged to pass the peace to neighbors by waves and/or air hugs. If you are worshipping with us online, we encourage you to text a friend and pass the peace.*

## Hymn *The Church's One Foundation*

**Verse 1** The church's one foundation, is Jesus Christ her Lord.

She is his new creation, by water and the word.

From heaven he came and sought her, to be his holy bride.

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

**Verse 3** Though with a scornful wonder, this world sees her oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

**Verse 5** Yet she on earth has union, with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion, with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

**Scripture** *Ephesians 2: 1-10* At one time you were like a dead person because of the things you did wrong and your offenses against God. <sup>2</sup>You used to live like people of this world. You followed the rule of a destructive spiritual power. This is the spirit of disobedience to God's will that is now at work in persons whose lives are characterized by disobedience. <sup>3</sup>At one time you were like those persons. All of you used to do whatever felt good and whatever you thought you wanted so that you were children headed for punishment just like everyone else. <sup>4-5</sup>However, God is rich in mercy. He brought us to life with Christ while we were dead as a result of those things that we did wrong. He did this because of the great love that he has for us. You are saved by God's grace! <sup>6</sup>And God raised us up and seated us in the heavens with Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup>God did this to show future generations the greatness of his grace by the goodness that God has shown us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>You are saved by God's grace because of your faith. This salvation is God's gift. It's not something you possessed. <sup>9</sup>It's not something you did that you can be proud of. <sup>10</sup>Instead, we are God's accomplishment, created in Christ Jesus to do good things. God planned for these good things to be the way that we live our lives.

**Sermon** *Hope for Broken Vessels*

### Prayers of The People and The Lord's Prayer

[...the petitions conclude...] And now as Christ taught us, we are bold to pray...**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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Call for Offering**

**Offertory Song** *Broken Vessels*

To give online, if you prefer  
(scan QR code)



**Hymn** *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

**Verse 1** A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.  
Our helper he, amid the flood, of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe, doth seek to work us woe.  
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

**Verse 2** 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. Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he. Lord Sabaoth his name,  
from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

**Verse 3** 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. The Prince of Darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him. His rage we can endure,  
for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.

**Verse 4** That word above all earthly powers,  
no thanks to them, abideth. The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also. The body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.

### Benediction

Leader: Go out into the world in peace. **All: Have courage.**

Leader: Hold onto what is good. **All: Return no one evil for evil.**

Leader: Strengthen the faint-hearted. **All: Support the weak.**

Leader: Help the suffering. **All: Honor all persons.**

Leader: Love and serve the Lord.

**All: Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Postlude** *Open Up the Heavens*

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**Director of Children's Ministry** Todd Bowman

**Worship Leader** The Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas

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**NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP TIMES** *Sunday, November 7*

8:30 AM Worship in Fellowship Hall | 9:45 AM Sunday School | 11:00 AM Sanctuary

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