



Reformation

October 25, 2020

God's Promise to David

*God's permanence would not reside in an earthly dwelling,
but in the house of David and the relationships that would spring from it.*

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Announcements

Call to Worship

Come!

Here we are, in God's house,
in our place, at our time,
with those we love
and those we call our own.

We are your people, Holy One,
and we worship you.

Gathering Music

That Will Be Joyful

- Sprong

Let your light shine before others.

Confession & Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

God of the covenant,

You have never failed in your promises to us, but we often fail to be your faithful people. We waste our time and resources on things which do not give life. We doubt our abilities and hide our light away from the world. We flee from your call when it doesn't appeal to us. Forgive us and call us back to your sustaining love.

God hears us when we repent and is quick to pardon our failures. Hear the words of your forgiveness and believe that you have been restored by your creator's great mercy and compassion. Rejoice! **Amen.**

Opening Song

A Mighty Fortress

Red ELW 504 vv. 1,2,4

**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.**

**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.**

**God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

*David wanted to build a house for God.
Instead, God's permanence would exist through the house of David.*

**Father grant, that what we sing with our lips,
We may believe in our hearts.
And what we believe in our hearts,
We may show forth in our lives.
Through the Lord Jesus Christ.**

Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-17

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. ¹⁵But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever. ¹⁷In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Song

Great is Our God/ How Great Thou Art

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

*Then sings my soul my Saviour God to Thee
How great thou art, how great thou art
Then sings my soul my Saviour God to Thee
How great thou art, how great thou art*

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end
The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb *Chorus*

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sung before prayers

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Renew and inspire the church in the freedom of the gospel, O God. Where the church is in error, reform it. Where the church speaks your truth, strengthen it. Where the church is divided, unify it. Ignite in us the working of the Holy Spirit.

Faithful God, **Hear our prayer.**

When David wanted to build you a house, you assured him that his faithful leadership was enough to please you and honor your word. Keep our vision focused on mission and service when we are tempted to be distracted by projects and ventures of little consequence.

Faithful God, **Hear our prayer.**

As our Hindu brothers and sisters celebrate the triumph of good over evil, we give thanks that you have destroyed death's power and expanded your love to encompass all of your people. May we be living lights of hope in all the places where we find ourselves.

Faithful God, **Hear our prayer.**

You have planted us here, O Lord, alongside animals and all that grows on the face of the earth. May we be sympathetic companions and faithful stewards of your creation. Faithful God, **Hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, today is the day we would traditionally celebrate the confirmands as they affirm their Baptisms. Through your faithfulness, continue to bless Karli, Rebecca and Matthew as they prepare for this special celebration. And through your faithfulness, may we, as siblings in Christ, continue to support them as we anticipate the day we will celebrate together.

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Faithful God, **Hear our prayer.**

We live cut off from one another, divided by both physical and spiritual walls. Bring us back to each other and make us whole again as people created for community. Heal all those in need, especially...

Faithful God, **Hear our prayer.**

Even in death, you free us and give us a place in your house. We give thanks for our ancestors who have shown us truth and freedom, especially Martin Luther and those who work for the renewal of the church.

Faithful God, **Hear our prayer.**

Other petitions may be offered.

We have asked and you have heard, and it is enough, O God. We thank you for answering our prayers in your good time, for the sake of Jesus our brother. **Amen.**

Offering of Gifts

Heavenly Father, in response to your faithful promises, we offer our gifts for the sake of your kingdom. These gifts were first given to us by you and now, we gratefully return them for your Church. May you bless them and multiply their impact for the sake of the poor, the hungry and suffering in the world. In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

Temple Talk

- Pastor Courtney Steitz

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Sharing God's Peace

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

Blessing

The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song

The Church's One Foundation

Red ELW 654 vv. 1,2,5

**The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.**

**Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.**

Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Basses et Dessus



Participants

- Pastors: Courtney Steitz, Michael TeKrony
- Assisting Minister: Scott Ikenberry
- Liturgy leaders: Pam Thomas, Deb Jacobson, Bryan Bennett,
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- Gathering Music: Jordan Ortman
- Opening song: Dave & Brenda Gleason, Jordan Ortman
- Song after Message: Diane & Kevin Klinkerfues
- Prayer Music: Meredith Lusby
- Sending Song: Brenda Gleason, Jordan Ortman
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