

October 25, 2020
Reformation Sunday

PRELUDES

Song of Peace
Prelude to God's Word

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Friends and family, neighbor and newcomer,

P: Gather in this place built by God's love.

L: Strugglers and stragglers, pilgrims and wanderers,

P: Seeking to follow Jesus, the compassionate One.

L: Builders of bridges in fractured communities, those who stand on either side of walls of fear,

P: The Spirit of faithfulness calls us to live together as God's people.

All: Come, let us worship God.

MUSICAL INTROIT *The House of God is Our Delight* (v. 1, 3, 6) Tallis' Canon

(verse one)

The House of God is our delight; it's faith is strong, its future bright
where doors and hearts are open wide, and those within serve those outside.

(verse three)

The House of God is built on prayer which blesses all who gather there;
prayer which is more than quick request but honors Christ as gift and guest.

(verse six)

God bless each House which bears your name; let none who enter leave the same.

For, touched by you, all is transformed; and we, to Christ, are more conformed.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Let us empty ourselves of all which burdens us, and welcome the God of mercy who lives with us forever. Together, let us confess our sins:

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Steadfast God, we confess that while we are busy putting up walls between ourselves and others, you are building a home for all of us. We spend much time noting how different we are from others, while you are embracing everyone as your child. We are quick to welcome those who look, talk, and act like us, and you throw your doors open to the stranger and alien in our midst. Forgive us, God. By your grace, help us to see the household you are constructing for all people. Help us to welcome everyone to your table, to be fed by your grace. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our peace, our hope, our Lord, and our Savior.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Friends, once we were without Christ; we were the stranger, the alien, the outsider. But now, in Christ, we have been brought home, living in Christ's household of hope and peace.

P: Thanks be to God. AMEN.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of all wisdom, gather our minds and hearts around your Word that we might be transformed by its reading and inspired to follow you in word and deed. AMEN.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 89:1-4, 24-26

¹I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. ²I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. ³You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: ⁴"I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations."

²⁴My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him; and in my name his horn shall be exalted. ²⁵I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers. ²⁶He shall cry to me, "You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!"

ANTHEM*I Trust in the Lord*

Martin

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

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.

SERMON*"House and Home"*

Rev. John Wahl

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**THE LORD'S PRAYER****CALL TO OFFERING****OFFERTORY***I Need Thee Every Hour*

Steven Scott

PRAYER OF DEDICATION**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Johann Pachelbel