

ORDER OF WORSHIP - OCTOBER 27, 2024
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
REFORMATION SUNDAY

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

Dr. John Hatton

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF JESUS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

A Mighty Fortress is Our God
arr. Don Hustad

Dr. James Humlong

INTROIT

God is Our Refuge
Allen Pote

Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Joan Wooden

On this Reformation Sunday, let us proclaim that
God is our refuge and strength,
always ready to help in times of trouble.

**So we will not fear, even if earthquakes come,
and the mountains crumble into the sea.**

Let the oceans roar and foam.

Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

**The Lord Almighty is here among us;
the God of Israel is our fortress.**

Let us worship God!

***HYMN 110**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

***AFFIRMATION FROM ROMANS 8:35, 37-39**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword?

No!

**In all things we are more than conquerors
through the One who loved us.**

We are sure that neither

**death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come,**

**nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 70

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Adam Brewer

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Parker Outman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,
we confess that we have sinned.
Even though we want to do what is right,
we did not always succeed this week.
Not only did we fail to do what was right,
but at times we consciously chose to think and act
in ways we knew were wrong.
We are truly sorry,
and we ask for your forgiveness.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, hear this:
Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ,
we have been set free from the power of sin!
It no longer needs to control us.
So be at peace: your sins are forgiven!
Go out, and live in the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN 357

stanzas 1 and 6

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Parker Outman

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHUMC FOUNDATION PRESENTATION

David Bowles

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Chancel Choir,
Elijah Merricks, tenor

Even Here

Laurie Zelman, words; Mark Miller, music

At the land's dark roots, in the farthest deep,
where the daylight dims, where no one can reach,
can the hand of God, can the voice of love find me even here?

I have turned away; I have set my fate,
I have run too far, I repent too late,
can the hand of God, can the voice of love find me even here?

O, to climb again where the eagle flies, where its nest is set in the sunlit skies!
Can the hand of God, can the voice of love find me even here?
Will the hand of God, will the voice of love find me even here?

O forgive me, Lord, may I see your face, may I die in peace with a song of praise,
may the hand of God, may the voice of love, find me even here.

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***DOXOLOGY**

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***PRAYER OF BLESSING**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Elizabeth Hughes

Romans 7:21-25 (NLT)

I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. I love God's law with all my heart. But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Dr. John Hatton

***HYMN 400**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Dr. James Humlong

Toccata from Suite Gothique

Léon Böellmann