



Reformation Sunday
October 30, 2016 11:15 a.m.

Gathering Songs #625

“O Lord My God”

#842

“The Lord Is My Light”

Welcome and Living Our Faith

Call to Worship

The Lord, the God of our ancestors, commanded Pharaoh:

Let my people go, that they may worship me.

This same God calls us to worship.

We come to offer our sacrifice of praise.

For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let us worship God!

Song #5

“God the Sculptor of the Mountains”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God – You reveal yourself as the God of the lowly, and call us to stand with the ‘least of these.’ Sometimes we fail to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. There is so much for which we need to ask forgiveness ...

When we reduce faithfulness to piety, offering our prayers and praise and pretending this is all you require of us –

Forgive us, Lord.

When we stand by as injustice rages on, rather than listening to voices long silenced and challenging abuses of power –

Forgive us, Lord.

When we are complicit in systems that disempower and diminish, and do not question the role we play –

Forgive us, Lord.

When we seek refuge in excuses, instead of taking risks for the sake of the Gospel –

Forgive us, Lord.

When we forget that you are with us, sustaining us, empowering us, and renewing us for your work –

Forgive us, Lord.

Wash us with your grace, O God, and free us to serve you with heart, soul, and might, until the day when your justice and peace reign throughout the earth. Hear our prayer and the prayers we offer in silence ...

Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Passing the Peace

Telling of the Scripture Story

Exodus 5

Jill Getty, Storyteller

Westminster By Heart

Response #750

"Goodness Is Stronger than Evil"

Message

Greg Jones

"Taking action: Confronting Pharaoh and Suffering the Backlash"

Song #379

"We Shall Overcome"

Offering

Please sign the blue friendship notebook and pass it to the person next to you.

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

These prayer shawls were created to bring warmth to someone who feels a chill.

They were made to bring comfort to someone who feels alone.

They were designed to bring peace to someone who is struggling.

They were made to bring joy to someone who is sad.

May those who receive a shawl feel bolstered by God's love, encouraged by our concern, and supported by the prayers of our church.

May those who wrap themselves in a shawl feel the loving embrace of God's Spirit.

Song #52

"When Israel Was in Egypt's Land"

Sending

Response

Following the service, we invite you to join us in the Meeting Room for coffee, tea, and fellowship.

We are thankful for your presence and participation this morning. Westminster has two worship options each Sunday. Our Traditional Service, held in the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m., includes a choir, organ music and a brief Children's Message. Our Alternative Service, Living Mosaics, is held in Rodney Chapel at 11:15 a.m. Both services include prayers, singing, scripture and sermon.

Following worship, feel free to make a bouquet to brighten someone's day. Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents Jessie and Cerd Marsh from Rick and Nancy Marsh, Barbara and Jerry Fedeler and their families.

Please remember in your prayers Peggy Cartmell, Fred Iobst, and Julie Petrovick, who were recently hospitalized.

Children are welcome in worship. You will find yellow worship bags for all children at the chapel entrance.

Image: He Qi: Moses and Aaron Debating with Pharaoh http://www.heqiart.com/uploads/2/3/5/9/23595908/s463025724710779803_p197_i87_w500.jpeg

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