



**The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island  
Sunday, October 25, 2020  
Reformation Sunday**

**“Gathering in God’s presence...**

**Prelude**

*Ein’ feste Burg*

Martin Luther

**Words of Welcome**

**Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 46)**

*Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.  
God’s steadfast love endures forever.  
All have sinned and fallen short of God’s glory,  
But by the grace of God we are redeemed.*

**Opening Hymn**

*A Mighty Fortress*

Ein’ feste Burg

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

## Call to Confession

### Sung Call to Prayer

*Out of the Depths vs. 1*  
*Out of the depths to Thee I raise*  
*The voice of lamentation;*  
*Lord, turn a gracious ear to me,*  
*And hear my supplication.*  
*If Thou shouldst count our every sin,*  
*Each evil deed or thought within,*  
*O who could stand before Thee?*

Aus tiefer Not

### Confession and Absolution

*Brothers and sisters, let us present ourselves before the Lord, confessing our faults and sins.*

**Lord God, eternal and Almighty, we acknowledge before Your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate Your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. With true sorrow, we ask that Your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us most gracious God, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and righteousness that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Silent Confession) Amen.**

### The Absolution

Let each of you truly acknowledge that you are a sinner, humbling yourself before God, and believe that the heavenly Father wills to be gracious unto you in Jesus Christ. To all those that repent in this way, and look to Jesus Christ for their salvation, I declare that the absolution of sins is effected, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Sung Response

*Out of the Depths vs. 2*  
*To wash away the crimson stain*  
*Grace, grace alone prevaieth.*  
*Our works, alas! Are all in vain;*  
*In much the best life faileth.*  
*For none can glory in Thy sight,*  
*All must alike confess Thy might*  
*And live alone by mercy.*

Aus tiefer Not

## Hearing God's Word

### Prayer for Illumination

#### The Scripture Read

Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For 'no human being will be justified in his sight' by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, irrespective of law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the

one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

*This is the word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Reflection & Hymns**

***Luther's Reformation Hymns***

Music Director, Sheri Melton

**Chorale Prelude**

*Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her*

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

**Hymn**

*From Heaven Above*

Vom Himmel hoch

*From heaven above to earth I come  
To bring good news to everyone!  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To all the world, and gladly sing:*

*To you this night is born a child  
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild:  
This newborn child of lowly birth  
Shall be the joy of all the earth.*

*This is the Christ, God's Son most high,  
Who hears your sad and bitter cry;  
He will Himself your Savior be  
And from all sin will set you free.*

*"Glory to God in highest heaven,  
Who unto us the Christ has given."  
With angels sing the Savior's birth,  
A glad new year to all the earth.*

**Chorale Prelude**

*Christ lag in Todesbanden*

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

**Hymn**

*Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands  
Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands  
For our offenses given:  
But now at God's right hand Christ stands  
And brings us life from heaven"  
Therefore let us joyful be  
And sing to God right thankfully  
Loud songs of alleluia! Alleluia!*

Christ lag in Todesbanden

*It was a strange and dreadful strife  
When life and death contended:  
The victory remained with life;  
The reign of death was ended.  
Holy Scripture plainly saith  
That death is swallowed up by death;  
Its sting is last forever! Alleluia!*

*Then let us feast this Easter Day  
On the true bread of heaven;  
The Word of grace hath purged away*

*The old and wicked leaven.  
Christ alone our souls will feed:  
Christ is our meat and drink indeed;  
Faith lives upon no other! Alleluia!*

### **Our Response**

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

*We All Believe on One True God  
We all believe in one true God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Ever present help in need,  
Praised by all the heavenly host,  
By whose mighty power alone  
All is made and wrought and done.*

Wir glauben all'

*We all believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Mary's son,  
Who descended from His throne  
And for us salvation won,  
By whose cross and death are we  
Rescued from sin's misery.*

*We all confess the Holy Ghost,  
Who from both fore'er proceeds,  
Who upholds and comforts us  
In all trials, fears, and needs.  
Blest and Holy Trinity,  
Praise forever be to Thee!*

#### **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

#### **Offering**

#### **Musical Response**

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

Old Hundredth

This tune was commissioned by John Calvin and included in the Genevan Psalter of 1551.  
It was originally written for use with the 100<sup>th</sup> Psalm.

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

#### **Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

*Fughette: Allein got in der Höh sei Ehr*

Andreas Nikolaus Vetter

Based on the hymn *All Glory Be to God on High*, written in 1525 by Nicolaus Decius,  
a German monk who was an advocate of the Protestant Reformation.

**...sending in God's name."**

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