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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
REFORMATION SUNDAY
COMMITMENT SUNDAY

October 25, 2020
11:00 am

** Those who are able, please stand.*
Congregation responds in bold.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Carol McDonald

PRELUDE

Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott, BWV 720
(A Mighty Fortress is our God)

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)
Marko Petričić, Organ

OPENING SENTENCES

Pete and Deb Ronco Family

Jesus said:
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind,
and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.
On these two commandments hang all of the law and the prophets.
Let us worship the Triune God.

LITANY FOR REFORMATION SUNDAY AND HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Sisters and brothers – God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

(All sing stanza 1)

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

(All sing stanza 2)

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
God speaks and the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord!

**God makes wars cease, God breaks the bow, shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.**

(All sing stanza 3)

Be still and know that the Lord is God!

God is exalted among the nations; God is exalted in the earth.

Brothers and sisters – God is our refuge and strength;

a very present help in trouble.

(All sing stanza 4)

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful and loving God,

**we confess we have neither loved our neighbors as ourselves
nor honored ourselves as your beloved creation.**

**We have judged unjustly, regarded others ungenerously,
profited at the losses of those near and distant,**

borne grudges, desired vengeance, and kept silence in the face of wrongdoing.

Forgive us, we pray.

We long to live in accord with your desire

that your way of compassion, kindness, and honesty will govern our hearts and minds.

*** SILENT CONFESSION**

*** ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

Beloved ones, believe again the gospel,
that in Christ we are accepted as we are.

**We can believe we are forgiven, loved with the delight of a
nursing mother cherishing her child.**

**We can believe we are the church, the body of Christ,
called to love one another as gentle children of God.**

*** GLORY TO GOD WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME**

GLORY TO GOD

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

*** SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE** (*Worshipers may greet one another with words of Christ's peace.*)

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, Holy Three, source of all light,
by your light you give light to the soul.
Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
that our hearts and minds may be opened to know your truth and your way. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18

PSALM 1

Robert Thompson
Section Leaders

Hap-py are they who trust, who trust in the LORD.

ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments

Thomas Tallis
(c. 1505-1585)
Section Leaders

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter, that he may bide with you
forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22: 34-46

* HYMN

If All You Want, Lord, is My Heart

MORNING SONG

1. If all you want, Lord, is my heart, My
 2. If all you want, Lord, 'is my mind, My
 3. If heart and mind would both suf - fice, While
 4. But since, O God, you want them all To

heart is yours a - lone— Pro - vid - ing I may
 mind be - longs to you, But let my heart re -
 I kept strength and soul, At least I would not
 shape with your own hand, I pray for grace to

set a - part My mind to be my own.
 main in - clined To do what it would do.
 sac - ri - fice Com - plete - ly my con - trol.
 heed your call To live your first com - mand.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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 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.

OFFERING

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

MCKEE



1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by
2 True faith will o - pen up the door and
3 True love will not sit i - dly by when
4 If what we have we free - ly share to
5 The church of Christ can - not be bound by

walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and
step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek
jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the
meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the
walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and

love are found, there can the church be known.
out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.
love are found, there can the church be known.

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the Lord bless you and lay loving hands upon you,
that you may be strengthened to continue to walk in the faith
that others have passed on to you, to move ahead into the promised land.

Now go out into the world in peace;
have courage, hold on to what is good;
return no one evil for evil;
support the weak;
help the suffering;
dance with the happy:
weep with the sad;
honor all people;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Alleluia! Amen.

Das Wort sie sollen lassen stahn
und kein Dank dazu haben.
Er ist bei uns whol auf dem Plan
mit seinem Geist und Bagen.
Nehem sie uns den Leib,
gut, her, kind und weib,
lass fahren dahin,
sie habens kein Gewinn;
das Reich muss uns doch bleiben.

*They shall put His word aside
And give no thanks for it.
He is with us indeed in strategy
With His spirit and His gifts.
If they take our bodies from us,
possessions, honor, child, wife,
let them take them away,
they have no spoils;
our riches yet remain with us.*



MUSIC IN WORSHIP

Today's Psalm, Psalm 1, informs us that those who delight in the law of the Lord are happy, righteous, and prosperous. The psalm makes a sharp contrast between the lot of the righteous and the wicked. Of the righteous, the psalmist states, "Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water" and "everything they do shall prosper." Of the wicked, the psalmist states, "they are like chaff which the wind blows away" and "the way of the wicked shall be destroyed." The psalm seems to make the point that we link happiness with walking in the Lord's ways. The reader or listener might ask, "How can I get started on that way?" This psalm indicates we find that path by considering, meditating on the psalms that follow. There we may discover the way that leads to happiness. These psalms will teach us the way to go.

This morning's anthem, "If Ye Love Me," was composed by the English Renaissance composer Thomas Tallis (c. 1505 – 1585). Tallis served in the Chapel Royal for 40 years, serving under four monarchs: Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary I, and Elizabeth I. Although many of his works were written in Latin, he was among the first to set English words to music for the rites of the Church of England. During the reign of King Edward VI (1547 – 1553), the Council of Trent mandated that worship services be sung in English and that the choral music be brief and succinct "to each syllable a plain and distinct note." "If Ye Love Me" is an example of these new English anthems. It is written in ABB form, which means the second section is repeated. The text is set in syllabic style, with structured points of imitation and sweet, constant harmonies.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Pet Blessing – November 1, 12:30pm on the Porch outside the Gathering Place.

Northminster Reads! Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S. Wednesday, November 18 -- 7-8pm. Zoom meeting ID: 864 8309 7345, PASSCODE: 151450. **OR** Sunday, November 22 – 5:30-6:30pm. Zoom meeting ID: 832 8658 5411, PASSCODE 370466.
Questions: Carol McDonald at cmcdonald@northminster-indy.org.



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