

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

♪ **Organ Prelude** · Bobbi Hunter

Variations on "Ein' feste Burg" ... John Ferguson

Call to Worship (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us pray together: O God, you are our refuge and our strength.

People: A very present help in times of trouble, therefore we will not fear.

Leader: O God, you made an everlasting covenant with us.

People: Help us to be your people in this world of trial and trouble.

Leader: O God, too often we have fallen short of your glory.

People: Search us, O God, and know our hearts; test us and know our thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

Leader: O God, we have embraced the freedom you offer us.

People: We embrace the Son who makes us free.

Leader: O God, we honor the bold faith of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone before us.

People: May we each be as bold in our faith this week as we cry "Come, Holy Spirit!"

* ♪ **Hymn of Praise** · A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

No. 260

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Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy and gracious God, we confess today to the same sins that have always plagued your church: we are too stuck in our ways, too resistant to your Spirit, too attracted to power and privilege, too quick to build walls, too slow to build bridges. Send more reformation our way until we are formed perfectly by you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* Gloria Patri

No. 579

* Passing of The Peace (responsively)

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Greetings and Announcements

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading · Art Walton

Isaiah 40: 27-31 (pg. 1121)

Scripture Reading

Romans 3:19-30 (pg. 1750)

Anthem · Chancel Bells

Praise Him Medley (Praise Him! Praise Him! and Praise to the Lord, the Almighty) ... arr. Linda Lamb

Richard Dinwiddie, director

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Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Renée Rico

"Hope in the Lord"

* Those who wish may stand.

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- *  **Hymn of Response** · Spirit of the Living God
No. 322


Litany for Reformation Sunday
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Acknowledgment and Blessing of Offerings

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

- *  **Closing Hymn** · God of Grace and God of Glory
No. 420

- * **Benediction**

- *  **Congregational Response** · Go Now in Peace
Chancel Bells, descant

 **Organ Postlude** · Bobbi Hunter
God of Grace ... Paul Manz