

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Reformation Sunday – 500th Anniversary

October 29, 2017

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

Prelude

Welcome & Words about The Life and Work of the Church

* A Time of Greeting

Steeple Bell

Choral Introit

Call to Worship

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble -
Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change.

Jesus said, “I am the way, and the truth and the life”.

**We are God’s people still on the way, still seeking the truth, still living
the life that God calls for from us.**

Reformed as we worship and hear God’s word,

We seek God’s strength, as we give thanks for God’s grace.

***Hymn #275** “A Mighty Fortress”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we seek your promised pardon. For we put obstacles in the way of receiving your grace. When all we need is faith, we strive instead to justify ourselves by our own efforts. We see others through eyes of judgment and measure their worth. We grow resistant in the face of the call to change and renewal. Forgive our sin against you and against others. Open our hearts to your mercy that meets us whenever we ask. Reform us again into the shape of faithfulness. Ever grateful, hear our prayers...

(silent prayers)

Assurance of Pardon

***Response #39 refrain**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

A Stewardship Snapshot

Kim Beebe

Anthem

“Not For Tongues Of Heaven's Angels”

Michael Joncas

Verse 1: Not for tongues of heaven's angels, not for wisdom to discern, not for faith that masters mountains, for this better gift we yearn.

Refrain: May love be ours, Lord; may love be ours. May love be ours, O Lord.

Verse 2: Love is humble, love is gentle, love is tender, true, and kind. Love is gracious, ever patient, generous of heart and mind. **Refrain.**

Verse 3: Never jealous, never selfish, love does not rejoice in wrong; never boastful or resentful, love believes and suffers long. **Refrain.**

Verse 4: Soon will fade the word of wisdom, faith and hope be one day past. When we see our Savior clearly, love it is alone will last. **Refrain.**

Prayer for Illumination

By your Spirit, O God, open your word to us, and open us to your word. Give us hearts to believe, and wills to follow. In the way of Jesus, Amen.

First Scripture Lesson Matthew 22:34-46 Page: NT 25

A Scripture Conversation

Second Scripture Lesson Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Page: OT 191

Sermon *“Picture this: The View Beyond”*

***A Litany for Reformation Sunday (on insert)**

*** Hymn #656 “We’ve Come This Far by Faith”**

This song will be played once, choir will sing it through once.

Then the congregation will join and sing it together once.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

***Response (#712 v.3)**

**In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,
To serve your cause and share your love with all along life’s way.
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
Help us to give ourselves each day until life’s work is done.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

O God, your faithfulness knows no bounds of time or place. As you have blessed generations with faith and vision, so too, you have blessed us. Receive our gratitude and our gifts, signs of our commitment to be your people here and now. In the way of Jesus, Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn #305** **“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”**

***Charge and Benediction**

**Choral Benediction
Steeple Bell
Organ Postlude**

GATHER FOR CONGREGATIONAL PHOTO – Take 2!

You may recycle your bulletins in the basket at the back of the Meeting House.

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Jo Viola

Ushers: Jim & Barb Whisman

Nursery: Amanda & James Anderson

Sunday School: Laurie & Mark Powell

Fellowship Hour: Noon Circle

Counters: Jane Fouracre & Carol Mayhew

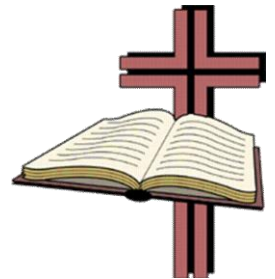
Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Gladys T. Quillen

1899-1970

William H. Clark

1917-1992



CONGREGATIONAL PHOTO – TAKE 2! TODAY!

If you were here last Sunday, you know what to do. We're taking another congregational photo TODAY after worship. We'll see which one has the best NCPC representation. **THE PICT_RE WON'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT U!**

WHAT'S THE WORD? A weekday Bible Study - Wednesdays @ 1:00pm

Jenny leads a Biblical journey through Biblical journeys, beginning with Old Testament journeyers. Come join the journey and the discussions of how transition affects us all in many ways, for many reasons – and how to seek to live in it, and through it, faithfully.

SEAMEN'S CENTER CHRISTMAS AT SEA

The Mission and Outreach Committee will again be supporting the Seamen's Center **Christmas at Sea** program. As in past years, we hope to provide approximately 40 "ditty boxes" including items such as shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, candy, etc., as well as hand knitted scarves and hats. This is our opportunity to share our resources and our gratitude with those who work hard all year long to provide us with essential goods. Please see the poster in Fellowship Hall. Items should be delivered to church by November 19, 2017. The "ditty boxes" will be assembled after worship that day.

Anyone questions contact Ellie Gerhart (328-0908) or Barbara Whisman (322-6234).

1st SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR – and you?

We are a congregation that values our time of fellowship and conversation – and, of course, food! Our Coffee Hour schedule calls for volunteers from the congregation to host on the 1st Sunday. Our main purpose is the fellowship – so keeping the snack food simple is more than fine. The kitchen is always stocked with cheese & crackers, cookies, lemonade mix, coffee and creamers. You can be reimbursed for other food you provide. Want help from the Deacons with a kitchen tour or coffee tutorial? Contact Sandy Wilson (544-6578) or Bev Denison (444-4191). A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, and our first opening is February 4th. Find a buddy and host together!

TABLE TALKS – Nov 5 & 12

As a first step in our Mission Study process, the Mission Study team will be leading Table Talk gatherings around our tables during Fellowship Hour on both Nov 5 & 12. The session will be identical, realizing that personal schedules and church meetings may prevent everyone from attending just one date. (You are welcome to participate twice, of course -and will learn new things by sitting with different people!). Giving our input on a series of questions will help the Mission Study team in its work. And listening well to others do the same will help us be a more receptive congregation. So save the dates, and join us for Table Talk!

BROWNIE MIXES NEEDED!

Please remember to put brownie mix on your grocery list! When you see brownie mix at a good price, please purchase and bring to the church kitchen. Leave your donation on the counter to the left of the refrigerators. They will be handed out for volunteer bakers to prepare once a month. Thanks! - Joan Smith

ALL SAINTS' DAY SERVICE – Next Sunday, November 5

As part of our worship service on November 5, we will honor those who have died to this life, but live on in our memory. You will have the opportunity to come forward, offer a name and light a candle, to celebrate that life here and to give thanks for the life that awaits all of God's saints.

USHERS NEEDED!

Can you say "Good morning!"? Hand out bulletins? Count to 80? Collect the offering? Then you can be an usher – AND WE NEED YOU! The Worship Committee has a sign up sheet in the CE Building – and it is BLANK starting NEXT SUNDAY NOV 5. You no longer are expected to commit to a month. Just a single Sunday here and there. Please consider stepping up to help. Instructions – and gratitude - provided!

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS IS COMING – Dec. 9, 2017 – How are you helping?

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 suzieflook@hotmail.com or Fran Gingher, silverfran@aol.com

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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	10/29	10:30am	Worship & Sunday School
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour / Table Talk - All are Welcome!
		12:00pm	Colonial Chimers
Wednesday	11/1	9am-3pm	Dried Flower Workshop - Arasapha (Fellowship Hall)
		1:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	11/2	9am-3pm	Dried Flower Workshop - Arasapha (Fellowship Hall)
		7:30pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	11/4	8-9am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	11/5		Observance – All Saints Day
		10:30am	Worship – Lord's Supper & Sunday School
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour / Table Talk - All are Welcome!
		11:40am	Christian Education Committee
		12:00pm	Colonial Chimers