

10:00 A.M.

October 25, 2020

Welcome to church today! We call today "Reformation Sunday" because it marks the date when Martin Luther nailed his challenge to debate changes needed in the church, which led to rise of reforms in the church. One of his criticisms was that faith had become a matter of ritual and did not always involve personal faith and trust in God. May your worship today provide a blessing to you.

Prelude: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Charles Callahan
Dan Chien, Organist

Call to Worship Rev. Richard Dykstra

Leader: Let us worship God with our hearts and our souls and our minds!

People: Let us know love for one another, for Christ, and for all the world.

Leader: Let us proclaim God's glory as we take Christ's love to the world.

People: Let us share the love of Christ in all that we do wherever we go.

Leader: Let us lift our hearts in praise and song for God's mercy and grace.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

* Hymn: "A Mighty fortress is Our God"

* Prayer of Invocation

* Greeting Time (*Please greet those around you*)

Announcements

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.**

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,**

**and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Through Christ, our Lord.....(silent prayer) Amen.

Kyrie Eleison: "**Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.**"

Assurance of Pardon

The Law of God

Hymn "How Firm a Foundation"

Scripture: Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon: "The Hardest Commandment to Keep"

* Offertory Piano Solo: "Train Up A Child" Pepper Choplin

* Offertory Prayer & Doxology

Sharing of Concerns & Joys

Prayers of Intercession

* Hymn: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

* Benediction

* Postlude: "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" arr. Cindy Berry

Announcements

Tuesday 3 p.m. Church School in the Carriage House.

Information gathering for the RCW Birthday Calendars is underway! If you haven't been contacted yet and you want to have your family's birthdays or anniversaries listed on the church calendar, talk to Carol Ann Dykstra ASAP.

Pastor Alisha is in Iowa this week for her ordination next Sunday. Her 4 p.m. (Our time-EST) ordination service may be zoomed. If you are interested in watching, please let Pastor Rich know!

The O'Connor Foundation awarded us a grant to \$50,000 to help make the church repairs! The grant will be used to match the NYS grant of \$262,000 to repair the church. Total raised to date is \$120,000!