



October 31, 2021
Reformation Sunday
Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth
Solomon's Temple

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Allegro

Antonio Vivaldi

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+GREETING

ONE: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

MANY: And also with you.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

ONE: When we are honest with ourselves we know our lives contain elements of messiness, brokenness, suffering, and confusion. There are specific events where we have been hurt and where we have hurt others, by actions we have done and left undone. We feel guilt and shame. There are times when we don't feel called and there are times when we don't feel equipped for our callings in family, community, congregation, work, and school.

Let us pause to open our hearts and lay our messy stories before God.

Silence for reflection...

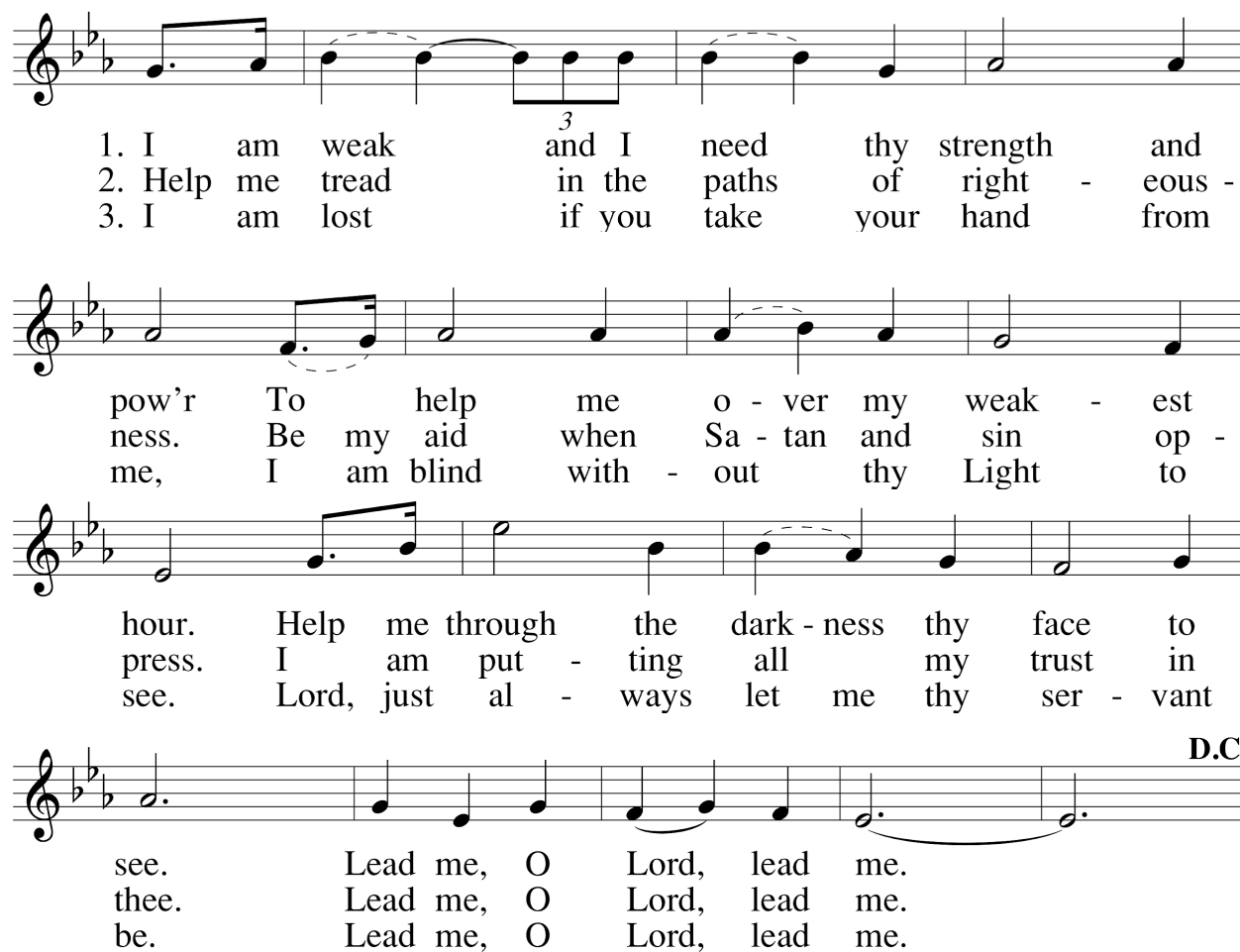
ONE: We are not climbing a spiritual ladder. We don't continually improve until we are so spiritual we no longer need God. We die in our sin and are made new. The movement in our relationship to God is always from God to us. God is always coming nearer to us. God loves you, cares for you, and is always with you. We are claimed by God's grace alone and called to lives of service for the well-being of our neighbor and the world God loves. AMEN!

Refrain, Verse 2, refrain

MANY (refrain):


Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,
 For if you lead me, I can - not stray.
 Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Verses / Estrofas



1. I am weak and I need thy strength and
 2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous -
 3. I am lost if you take your hand from

pow'r To help me o - ver my weak - est
 ness. Be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op -
 me, I am blind with - out thy Light to

hour. Help me through the dark - ness thy face to
 press. I am put - ting all my trust in
 see. Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant

see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
 thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
 be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

D.C.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: Let us pray. Mighty Lord,

The splendor of Solomon's temple cannot compare to the majesty of your heart.

MANY: Show your heart in this place, that we might worship you with joy and gratitude. AMEN

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-4, 9-13

Now King Hiram of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, when he heard that they had anointed Solomon king in place of his father; for Hiram had always been a friend to David. ² Solomon sent word to Hiram, saying, ³ "You know that my father David could not build a house for the name of the Lord his God because of the warfare with which his enemies surrounded him, until the Lord put them under the soles of his feet. ⁴ But now the Lord my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor misfortune. ⁵ So I intend to build a house for the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord said to my father David, 'Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, shall build the house for my name.'

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. ² All the people of Israel assembled to King Solomon at the festival in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. ³ And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests carried the ark. ⁴ So they brought up the ark of the Lord, the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; the priests and the Levites brought them up.

There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses had placed there at Horeb, where the Lord made a covenant with the Israelites, when they came out of the land of Egypt. ¹⁰ And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, ¹¹ so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord. ¹² Then Solomon said, "The Lord has said that he would dwell in thick darkness. ¹³ I have built you an exalted house, a place for you to dwell in forever."

ONE: Word of God, Word of Life.

MANY: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Kjell M. Ferris

CHOIR: *The Lord of hosts is with us.
The God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

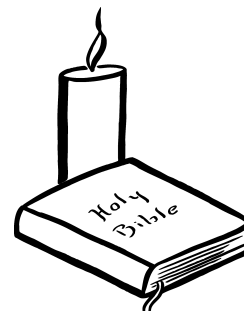
Verse 1 (ALL): A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

Verse 2 (CHOIR): *No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be: Lord of hosts is he! Christ Jesus, our Lord,
God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.*

Verse 3 (CHOIR & ORGAN): *Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpow'r us.
This world's prince may rage, in fierce war engage! He is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.*

Verse 4 (ALL): God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

CHOIR: *The Lord of hosts is with us.
The God of Jacob is our stronghold.*



+BLESSING OF THE BIBLES

CREED adapted from Martin Luther's explanation to the Apostles' Creed

ONE: Let us confess our faith,

I believe that God has created me and all that exists. God has given me and still preserves my body and soul. In addition, God daily and abundantly provides food and clothing, home and family—along with all the necessities for life. God protects me against all danger and preserves me from all evil. All this is done out of parental and divine goodness and mercy!

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God and true human being, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. Jesus freed me from all sins, death, and the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood. Jesus is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally.

I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with God's gifts and kept me in the true faith, just as God calls, gathers, and enlightens the whole Christian church on earth. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true. AMEN!

+PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Take, Oh Take Me As I Am

ELW 814

ONE: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

MANY:

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G minor, 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next two lines. The lyrics are: 'Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the lyrics.

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

ONE: Graceful God, you move toward the entire human family in love. Empower us to move beyond bias and prejudice to love like Jesus. Where there is racism and conflict, bring reconciliation and joy. Lord, we ask you,

MANY: *(sung, as above)*

ONE: Just God, we come to you, asking for leadership and guidance. Bless leaders around the world and in our nation that their actions would echo Jesus' mission, "to bring good news to the poor." Send us out to be the hands and feet of your gospel. Make us instruments of your peace and justice as we live out our faith in our daily lives. Lord, we ask you,

MANY: *(sung, as above)*

ONE: God of all times and places, our world knows pain and suffering. Extend your loving hand upon all who seek relief in mind, body, and spirit. Aloud and in the silence of our hearts, we name those people and places in need of your care... Bob Tauring, the people of Afghanistan and Haiti, those recovering from natural disasters ...

ONE: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, so that all people might walk in newness of life through Jesus Christ.

MANY: AMEN

+SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you always.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

*God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens/
Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

HOLY MANNA

arr. Cathy Moglebust

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

ONE: Let us pray. Saving Lord, help us remember that life is a gift! Everything we are, everything we can see, smell, taste, touch, and hear is given to us by a God who loves us.

MANY: Accept these offerings we bring before you. Teach us to be good stewards of the blessings in our lives, serving and honoring our neighbors. Let our work and our play be acceptable in your sight. In your name we pray. AMEN

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ONE: The Lord be with you.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

MANY: We lift them to the Lord.

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

MANY: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

ONE: Together in love, let us pray together the prayer of our Savior:

**MANY: 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 us 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**

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.



by Agostino Traini

THE LIFE OF MARTIN LUTHER

+BENEDICTION

ONE: Let us pray together the Prayer of Good Courage.

MANY: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

+SENDING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

ELW 654

arr. David and

Cathy Moglebust

Verse 1 (ALL): The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Verse 2 (HIGH VOICES): Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Verse 3 (CHOIR): *Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.*

Verse 4 (LOW VOICES): Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Verse 5 (ALL): Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

CHOIR: *Amen, amen, amen.*

+DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress

G.F. Kauffman

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Musicians

Lector

Narrator

Ushers

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Bob Samuelson, Scott Rusten & Roger Birnbaum

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF OCTOBER 31, 2021

TODAY

9AM Worship

Reformation Sunday

ALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, November 9 at 6:30 pm. All are invited, you do not need to be a member of a committee to attend.

PEACEFUL NIGHTS

Peaceful Nights programming and dinner will be on the normal schedule this week. The dinner menu for November 3rd will be wild rice hot dish and spaghetti bake.

LUTHERAN SUMMER MUSIC SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 21

In celebration of music's importance in the church, Peace participates in "LSM Sunday" on November 21. LSM stands for Lutheran Summer Music, which is a four-week immersive summer camp for high school students. While there, choir, band, and orchestral musicians get to play in large and small ensembles, take private lessons and electives, and attend morning and evening prayer services, all while living in a college dorm. It is a fantastic program that is part of the education and training of future (and present!) church musicians.

As part of LSM Sunday, Peace is hosting the string duo "The OK Factor," featuring Olivia Diercks and Karla Colahan, who was a student at LSM when Stef worked there about ten years ago! We are excited to share some of the joy of LSM with the people of Peace! Be sure to join us for this special Sunday of worship.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP & PIE FELLOWSHIP

We give thanks to God for the blessings in our lives. Join us for worship on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 24, 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary and live-streamed. As in years past, we invite all to stay after worship for fellowship and pie! Go to peaceofplymouth.org and click on "SIGN UP" to sign up to bring a pie.

GENEROSITY 2022 - PLEDGING is a powerful way to say, "Thank You" to God, and an important faith practice. You are invited to pledge via a paper card or you can email finance@peaceofplymouth.org

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT WANTS YOU!

It's time again to celebrate the birth of Jesus in our annual Christmas Pageant. How would you like to be involved? In person or virtually? As a spectator, actor, musician, or helper? There are many roles to fill and all talents are welcome. Please tell Stefanie Fiser Kleven what you would like to contribute by filling out the form (found at the Welcome Desk) and returning it to her by Wednesday, November 3.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

It's time again to remember our loved ones who have gone on before us. All Saints Sunday is November 7, and we will commemorate the lives of our congregation members who have died in the last year.

If you wish to have the names of your loved ones read in worship, please fill out the insert in today's bulletin or email the names to peace@peaceofplymouth.org by October 31st.

Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return

IOCP HOLIDAY GIFT CARD PROGRAM

This year IOCP will be accepting donations for the holiday season using gift cards. This program is unique because it honors faith traditions most practiced by program participants. To be matched up with a family, donate by the end of October. General financial donations to the program are accepted as well. More details can be found at www.iocp.org/donations

The West Suburban Grief Coalition will host a Candlelight Memorial Service at Messiah Church, 17805 Highway 6, Plymouth, on Thursday, Nov 18th at 7:00pm. You do not need to be a participant of the Grief Coalition to attend this meaningful service that brings comfort, hope and healing to all that have suffered a significant loss. Each grieving family will be given a memorial candle for their loved one that can be taken home following the service. Masks will be required by all attendees.