

GATHERING MUSIC *I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ* Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING SILENCE The Rev. Dr. James Butler

* **UNISON INTROIT** (Hymn 645, v.1)
*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation.
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled.
To God be praise and glory!*

* **SENTENCES FOR REFORMATION SUNDAY** (Scots Confession, 1560) Joel Egertson
There is one true church:
It is a multitude of people, gathered by God, who worship rightly and embrace God by faith in Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church.
The church is universal:
It includes those of all ages, realms, nations, and languages, who have fellowship with God in Christ Jesus through the sanctifying presence of the Holy Spirit.
For there is one God and one Lord, Jesus Christ.
Blessed is the Triune God, and blessed is the kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

* **HYMN 275** “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” EIN’ FESTE BURG

* **ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**
Beloved in Christ: God is with us!
We are not alone!

CALL TO CONFESSION (Heidelberg Catechism, 1562, Question 4)
What does the “Law of God” require of us? What did Jesus say?
To love God with all our heart, and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.
Trusting in the gracious mercies of God, let us acknowledge in silence the ways we have not fulfilled the essence of the Law.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (from Brief Statement of Faith, 1991)

SUNG RESPONSE
***We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
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FIRST LESSON Romans 3:21-23 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.154)

ANTHEM *Come down, O Love divine* Hilary Tadman-Robins
Come down, O Love, divine. Seek thou this soul of mine. And visit it with thine own ardour glowing. O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing. Let holy charity mine outward vesture be. And lowliness become mine inner clothing. True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part, and o’er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing. O let it freely burn, till earthly passion turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming. And let thy glorious light shine ever in my sight and clothe me round the while my path illuming. And so, the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far out pass the power of human telling. For none can guess its grace ‘till Christ becomes the place where the Holy Spirit makes their dwelling. Come down, O Love divine.

* **GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 18:9-14 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.81)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

DEPARTING SONG (Hymn 63, v. 1, 3)
***The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks and praise.
To God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.***

***At night or day, at school or play, together and apart.
O children, take these holy words and keep them in your heart.***

SERMON “Own It!” Dr. Butler
“For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.”

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Confession of 1967)
Christ’s followers are emissaries of peace, seeking the good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture and economics. But they are also called to resist pretension and injustice when these same powers threaten human welfare. Our strength is in our confidence that God’s purposes, rather than human schemes, will finally prevail.

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

WOODWORTH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

OFFERTORY

I Know He Lives

Linda Chapman and

Venus Minaya and Lucie Freeman

Bonnie Heidenreich

I know He lives, with Him there is no end. I know He lives, as my eternal friend. Because He lives, I know that I shall live again. I know my savior lives. I know He lives and blesses me with peace. I feel the joy inside my soul increase. I'll give my life to serve Him willingly. I know my savior lives. He gently leads me. His spirit feeds me. All that I am I owe to His great love. One coming day, I shall see His face, and He will hold me. For He has told me that I can live with Him eternally. I know He lives, my savior and my king! I know He lives. I will rejoice and sing. I want to love Him 'til the end of time. I know He lives.

*** DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 606)

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*** HYMN 436**

“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

O QUANTA QUALIA

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* DEPARTING MUSIC

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Johann Pachelbel

The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship,
service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

Staff

The Rev. Dr. James Butler, Pastor

The Revs. Dr. Steve and Dr. Cinda Gorman, Parish Associates

Dr. Kaori Hongo, Minister of Music

Aliyah Kennedy, Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

10 a.m.