

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
REFORMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Theme: The Heritage of Our Faith - New Beginnings



“And Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant to let them live.” Joshua 9:15

GATHERING

Prelude: “Wonderful Words of Life” J. Wayne Kerr

Call to Worship Psalm 65 - The Psalm of the Day

Leader: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed,

People: To the One who answers prayer! To the One who forgives our shortcomings, we offer our praise!

Leader: Happy are those who choose to come to the courts of our God and to live in them.

People: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple, O God, for by your awesome deeds You have delivered us.

Leader: O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. Your strength established the mountains, calming the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

People: We who live on the earth, even to its farthest bounds, are awed by the signs that surround us. You our God make even the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

Leader: You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it, providing the people with all they need.

People: The Almighty crowns the year with its bounty. The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy.

Leader: The meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain.

People: Therefore, everyone shouts and sings for joy together.

*Hymn: #475 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*Prayer of the Day and Confession

Lord our God, You yourself remind us that all our religious practices are not worth anything if used to distort Your ways. We come to You in humility ready to encounter the love You offer and in willingness to turn toward You. When we try to measure our faithfulness against that of others, forgive us. When we choose comfort and convenience over faithfulness, redirect us. Good and gracious God, accept us as Your sons and daughters, so that together with we may glorify Your holy name. Have mercy on us and strengthen us when our faith is weak, through Jesus the Christ, your Son and our Lord forever, AMEN

Declaration of Forgiveness

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Joshua 6-10 (*selected readings*)

Sermon: “Rescue, Alliance, and Renewal”

*Hymn: “Rescue then Perishing” (*please see insert*)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Humble and Merciful God, you do not require perfection, only a heart that is open. Receive all the gifts we offer, not as a sign of our righteousness, but as a humble offering in knowing our need for your grace. Teach us again that generosity begins not in pride, but in gratitude—not in proving our worth, but in trusting yours. May what we give on any day grow into mercy, justice, and joy in the lives of others and in our own. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: What greater joy can we know than to go home justified and encouraged.

People: Because of our acceptance by the God who redeems us, we have a new beginning each day.

Leader: Let us leave this place to live confidently, desiring in all things to witness to a saving love.

People: We go in humble grace. In Christ's name. AMEN

Silent Prayer (*be seated*)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. AMEN

Postlude: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" arr. Hustad

(Please remain seated)

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
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