



Giving by Faith



October 29th, 2023

Gathering

During the Prelude we invite you to greet one another with love outside the Chapel, and allow those within to meditate, pray or just listen.

Prelude “Holy, Holy, Holy”

arr. by John Purifoy

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*congregation please stand in body or spirit

Leader: Reformed and always reforming,

People: Changed and forever changing,

Leader: Alive in you, alive to your creation, alive to the world,

**People: You call us to believe your promise, to catch your vision, to hope for the future. Pour out your Spirit upon us, O God!
We are here to worship you!**

*Opening Hymn #298 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” vs 1-2,4 (GTG)

Poem “Hope Is The Thing With Feathers” by Emily Dickinson

“Hope” is the thing with feathers -
That perches in the soul -
And sings the tune without the words -
And never stops - at all -

And sweetest - in the Gale - is heard -
And sore must be the storm -
That could abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm -

I've heard it in the chilliest land -
And on the strangest Sea -
Yet - never - in Extremity,
It asked a crumb - of me.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy Love, your promises are always true, but we do not believe. You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear. You urge us to give freely, that the world you love may be blessed, but we cling to what we have. You call us to a good and purposeful future, but we prefer our own comfort. Forgive our foolishness, O God. Increase our faith, enlarge our vision, inject us with hope. For the sake of our brother, Jesus, we pray.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God gives us the gift of faith, that we might know the joy of forgiveness and a clean heart.

People: **Reformed in Christ's image by the mercy of God, we receive God's gracious gift of faith.**

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Musical Response #601 "Amen"

(GTG)

*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures: Hebrews 11:1-16

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Giving by Faith: Living the Vision"

*Hymn #757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

(GTG)

Time for Response to the Sermon

Call to Prayer #469 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

(GTG)

Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Sending

*Closing Hymn #275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" vs 1-2, 4 (GTG)

*Benediction

Postlude Fanfare on "Ein Feste Burg" arr. by James Pethel

Feel free to stand, chat and generally share in Fellowship as the Postlude sends us out into the world in Love.

We welcome all who worship with us this day. May you experience God's presence and find inspiration for your journey of faith. This morning the leaders in worship are:

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Pastor; **Heidi Thomas**, Interim Music Director;

Diane Ritzdorf, Liturgist; **Ryan Hodel**, Zoom Host

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