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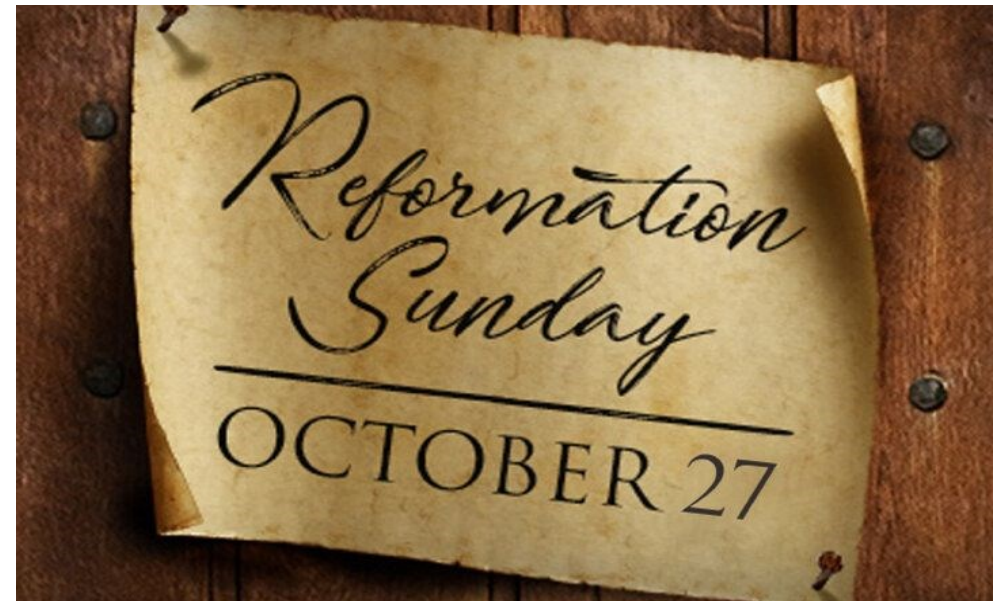
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“They Shall Go After the Lord, Who Rings the Dinner Bell; When He Dings, His Children Shall Come, Tummies Trembling”



Pastor Steven Clark
Sunday, October 27, 2024
10:30 AM Divine Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP
OCTOBER 27, 2024
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*is the invitation for worshipers to rise in body or in spirit.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements and Stilling Silence

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.

**Therefore, we will not fear,
though the earth should change,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; God speaks and the earth melts.
Come, behold the works of the Lord!

**God makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
God breaks the bow, shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

Be still, and know that the Lord is God, for the Lord of hosts is with us!

**The God of Jacob is our refuge!
Let all the earth know, our God is exalted!**

***Opening Hymn:** *“O Worship the King”*

RED #2

Hosea 11:1-11
(NRSVUE)

Let us prepare for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of the Holy Scriptures. **Speak Lord, for Your servants are listening.**

1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. 2 The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and offering incense to idols. 3 Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up in my arms, but they did not know that I healed them. 4 I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them.

5 They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. 6 The sword rages in their cities; it consumes their oracle priests and devours because of their schemes. 7 My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

8 How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. 9 I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim, for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

10 They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. 11 They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt and like doves from the land of Assyria, and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 27 2024

COFFEE WITH PASTOR

Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

All donations for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets are due by November 24, 2024. If you have any questions, please speak to Jane Casey.

JESUS AND JUSTICE

The Classis of New Brunswick is hosting a Summit on Environmental and Social Justice on Saturday, November 16th at 8:30 am to 3:00 pm at Trinity Collegiate Church. Itinerary: registration, worship service, keynote address, breakfast session, lunch, panel discussion and closing prayer. Please contact Pastor Steven for additional information.

DEACONS FUND

Our monthly Deacon's Fund offering will be November 17, 2024. This offering helps our church serve the needs of our community in times of crisis. Please consider giving to this important fund.

Call to Remember and Confess

Unison Prayer of Confession:

O God of mercy, we lament that even good actions of reform and renewal have had often unintended negative consequences. We bring before You the burdens of the guilt of the past, when our forbears did not follow Your will that all be one in the truth of the Gospel. We confess our own ways of thinking and acting that perpetuate the divisions of the past. As communities and as individuals, we build many walls around us: mental, spiritual, physical, political walls that result in discrimination and violence. Forgive us, Lord. Your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life. He is our peace, who breaks down the walls that divide, who gives us, through Your Holy Spirit, ever-new beginnings. Give us of Christ's Spirit always once more again, that we may receive forgiveness and reconciliation, and be strengthened for a faithful and common witness in our time. In His name we pray. Amen.

Personal Silent Confession

Words of Assurance:

Gloria: “*Sing Praises to Your Creator*” RED #550

Praise the LORD, all mountains and oceans, rolling thunder and wind
and storm clouds on high.

Praise the LORD your Maker, all living creatures, all the beasts in the fields
and birds in the sky.

***Passing of The Peace** **L:** The peace of Christ be with you!
 P: And also with you!
 L: Share the peace of Christ with your neighbor!

***Hymn of Peace:** “*Alleluia, Alleluia*” RED #958

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

THE WORD OF GOD

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Scriptures: Hosea 11:1-11 (Page 7)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: *“They Shall Go After the Lord, Who Rings the Dinner Bell; When He Dings, His Children Shall Come, Tummies Trembling”*

Meditation Hymn: *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”* RED #689

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Call to Self– Offering

Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory:

***Doxology:** *“All Glory, Laud and Honor”*

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gathering of Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People & 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

***Closing Hymn:** *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”* RED #776

***Benediction**

Postlude

Today’s liturgical color is **Green** for the Twenty-Three Sunday after Pentecost.

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to be so filled by the spirit of God that we obey God’s revealed will in the Holy Scriptures, especially in the Gospel of Jesus Christ; loving one another, stewarding the resources God has given us and seeking to be transformed into the likeness of our Lord Jesus Christ, being his hands, feet and voice in the communities in which we live and work.