

Then let the servant church arise,  
 a caring church that longs to be  
 a partner in Christ's sacrifice,  
 and clothed in Christ's humanity.

We have no mission but to serve  
 in full obedience to our Lord;  
 to care for all, without reserve,  
 and spread his liberating word.

**Blessing**

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us  
 and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to  
 rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,  
 be with you today and always. **Amen.**

**Dismissal**


Go in grace, grow in faith, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**Sunday Worship**



**October 29, 2023**  
**Reformation Sunday**

## Welcome to Worship

Children are welcome in worship at FLW!

*The congregational speaking parts are printed in bold.*

**All who believe are welcome to commune.** You are invited to come forward to receive communion (wine is red and grape juice is white) and bread or a gluten free wafer - or you may pick up a communion kit (chalices filled with grape juice and gluten free wafers) and receive it in your pew.

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Sharing of the Peace

### Gathering Song      ***A Mighty Fortress is Our God***

ELW 504

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.

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?  
The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land  
all threat'ning to devour us,  
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
they cannot overpow'r us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage;  
in battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.

## God Alone Be Praised



1 O - ceans rise, the coast-land trem-bles; moun-tains melt and dry earth  
2 Na - tions rage, the em - pire fal - ters; seek-ing ref - uge, ex - iles  
3 Come and see; God's mer - cy gath - ers all that sin and grief have



crum-bles. All the world with long - ing groans. Love a -  
wan - der. Walls and weap - ons rise from fear. Through this  
shat - tered. Life from fields of death is raised. Peace, be



bides, this gra - cious prom - ise is our help, our hope and  
wil - der - ness a riv - er flows to heal and bless us  
still; let pride - ful thun - der yield to songs of joy and



so - lace. God's strong word is sol - id ground.  
ev - er. God the cru - ci - fied dwells here.  
won - der. God and God a - lone be praised.

### Communion Blessing

### Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. **Amen.**

### Announcements

### Sending Song      ***The Church of Christ, in Every Age*** ELW 729 vs 1-3,5

The church of Christ, in ev'ry age  
beset by change, but Spirit-led,  
must claim and test its heritage  
and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street,  
the victims of injustice cry  
for shelter and for bread to eat,  
and never live before they die.

## In This Feast of Love

Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, täs - sä  
 1 In this feast of love, in this  
 2 In this bread and wine, in this  
 3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us

pöy - däs - sä syn - ti - sil - le  
 feast of love, Lord, you share your  
 bread and wine, you have prom - ised,  
 peace, O Lord; fill us with the

it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!  
 blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.  
 Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.  
 joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

Sing twice:

## Thank You, Lord

1 Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you,  
 Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.

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!

### Invocation

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God whose generosity is boundless and whose mercy is sure.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Generous God, we in fear grumble in our time of need

**But your abundance and provision are sure.**

Christ Jesus, so often we are afraid that we will not have enough

**But your abundance is extravagant.**

Holy Spirit, in arrogance we place our hope in status and wealth

**But your abundance is limitless and without end.**

Trusting in your generous grace we humbly pray:

**Forgive us, renew us and lead us so that we may reflect your love and live out your grace and generosity in our lives. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's generosity stretches beyond all understanding. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **Amen.**

### Greeting

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

### Hymn of Praise

### *Thy Strong Word*

ELW 511 vs 1,5,6

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;

at thy speaking it was done.

For created light we thank thee,  
 while thine ordered seasons run.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise to thee who light dost send!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia without end!

Give us lips to sing thy glory,  
 tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
 throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
 mouths to speak thy holy name.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 May the light which thou dost send  
 fill our songs with alleluias,  
 alleluias without end!

God the Father, light-creator,  
 to thee laud and honor be.  
 To thee, Light of Light begotten,  
 praise be sung eternally.  
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
 glory, glory be to thee.  
 Mortals, angels, now and ever  
 praise the holy Trinity!

**Prayer of the Day**

Gracious God, we pray for your church. **Fill it with truth, peace and compassion. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, reform it; where it is right, uphold it; where it is struggling, strengthen it; where it is divided, reconcile it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**Psalm 46** (NRSV)

**Cantor: Refrain**  
**All: Refrain**

The Lord of hosts is with us. The God of Ja-cob is our strong-hold.

God is our refuge and strength,  
 a very present help in trouble.  
**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
 and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**  
 though its waters rage and foam,  
 and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.  
**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 shaken;  
 God shall help it at the break of day.  
**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
 God speaks, and the earth melts away. Refrain**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**  
*Great Thanksgiving*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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**Words of Institution**

**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 trespasses,  
 as we forgive those  
 who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.**

**Communion Distribution**

**the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Remember us according to your steadfast love...through Jesus Christ our savior. **Amen.**

**Offering**

*Be Still*

Marrolli

**Offering Prayer**

God of all goodness, **generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.**

**Offering Response**

*We Are an Offering*

ELW 692

We lift our voices  
We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You  
We are an offering  
Lord use our voices  
Lord use our hands  
Lord use our lives they are Yours  
We are an offering

All that we have  
All that we are  
All that we hope to be  
We give to You  
We give to You

We lift our voices  
We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You  
We are an offering  
We are an offering

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**The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields  
with fire.

**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;**

**I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the  
earth.” The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our  
stronghold. Refrain**

**Lesson** Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NRSV)

The lesson is from Jeremiah, the 31st chapter.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the LORD’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God. Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

**Gospel** John 8:31-36 (NRSV)

The holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?”

Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Preaching Text** Romans 3:19-28 (NRSV)

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law.

**Sermon**

Vicar Karen Peterson

**Hymn of the Day**

**Founded on Faith**



1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—  
2 Your cross, O Christ, re - news our life each day.  
3 E - quipped by prayer, we live the Spir - it's call.  
4 Grow - ing in grace for God's cre - at - ed earth,  
5 Found - ed on faith, called forth, em - pow'ed to serve,



pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.  
Bap - tized in you, we learn and teach and pray.  
Em - pow'ed to serve with gifts, both great and small,  
we yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu - man worth;  
we share God's end - less love with - out re - serve.



The word of God re - sounds through time and space:  
Fed by your love, with thank - ful hearts, we say:  
we bring the liv - ing hope of God to all.  
a world re - stored; a faith - ful, car - ing church.  
Then let us shout a - loud the liv - ing Word!



Al - le - lu - ia!

**Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,**