

**500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation**  
**Reformation Sunday - 2017**  
October 29, 2017

† *Please Stand*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Votum & Salutation**

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

**Reformation Day Reading**

Celebrated on the last Sunday in October, Reformation Sunday commemorates the Protestant Reformation as well as Martin Luther, who nailed his 95 Theses to the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517, the eve of All Saints' Day. This event marked the birthday of the Protestant Church and led to the rediscovery of the true gospel of Christ.

On this Reformation Sunday we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of these events.

This morning at All Souls Church we give thanks for our spiritual heritage and for the preservation of the true gospel of Jesus Christ. Over and above this, however, we give thanks to the Triune God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - who is faithful to His people according to His covenant of grace.

Truly we can say today with the writer of 2 Chronicles 31:10, "The LORD has blessed His people."

† **Call To Worship:** Psalms 84:1-5

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing

your praise! Selah Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion."

## **Prayer of Adoration**

†**Hymn of Praise: The Church's One Foundation**

The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy Bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses  
with every grace endued.

**Old Testament Reading: Psalms 78:1-4**

"Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done."

## **Reception of Founding Members**

Matthew Atwell; Isaac & Julia

Sherry Bargar

Don & Cindi Bentley

Gary & Donna Crabtree

Susan Crabtree; Emma, James, Audrey, Jed(nc) & Silas(nc)

Jared & Dovie Cruz

Judy Dennis

Wade Dennis

Steve Dillon

Bart & Robyn Hooper

Brian & Melanie Kalb; Emily

Dennis & Elizabeth Moore

Barb Smith

*(nc - Non-Communicate Members)*

## **†Hymns of Praise: The Doxology (unaccompanied)**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## **Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*\*that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places*

**Hymn of Preparation: Shepherd of Tender Youth**  
Shepherd of tender youth, guiding in love and truth  
Through diverse ways; Christ, our triumphant King,  
We come Thy name to sing; Hither our children bring  
To shout Thy praise.

So now and till we die, sound we Thy praises high  
And joyful sing; infants and the glad throng  
Who to Thy church belong, unite to swell the song  
To Christ, our King.

### **Baptism of Covenant Children**

Brennan McCoy  
Cullen McCoy  
Amelia Cruz  
Brecken Cruz

### **Worship God By Giving**

Tithes & Offering

\*Children 4 and younger are dismissed to nursery

### **Pastoral Prayer**

**Reading of Scripture: Matthew 9:13**

**Sermon: "What Jesus Desires"**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **Baptism of Adult Converts**

Grace Wesner  
Mandy Sayre

†**Closing Hymn: Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.

**Benediction**