

**Edgewood Presbyterian Church
Homewood, Alabama
Reformation Sunday
October 27, 2024**

**Please text any prayer requests to 205-924-5080 before the Sharing of the Peace.
Please include your name unless you wish the request to be anonymous. **

Prayer of Preparation *(silent prayer)*

O God of renewal, tune my ear to your ancient melody and my heart to your new song.
Amen.

Chiming of the Trinity

Waters of Baptism *All children are invited to gather at the baptismal font.*

Prelude *Dance of the Blessed Spirits*
Christoph Gluck; arr. John Madden
Matt Barron, flute

Welcome

Call to Worship Pavlina Steffek, Liturgist
Karina Steffek, Liturgist

We gather today to worship God as one Church:
The Church Reformed and always being reformed

For God has fashioned us to share in God's Spirit of Creativity
Reforming us into the body of Christ.

For Christ leads us to preach and teach and reach out to the edges of society
The Church Reformed and always being reformed

For the Holy Spirit fills us with the breath of life, and love, which must be shared
The Church Reformed and always being reformed according to the Word of God!

Prayer of the Day

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!

2 What God's almighty power has made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might,
lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!

3 The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

4 Thus all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

Invitation to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

**God of mercy, your Word is given to us so that we might be reformed,
but we would prefer to change others.
Your Word is offered to us so that we might be transformed,
but we are focused on conforming to our culture.
Your Word is spoken to lead us into new life,
but we hold our old ways tight to our chests.
Forgive us, God of Wonder.
Do not remember our sins, but continue to touch us with your steadfast mercy.
Show us how to be persistent in living out our faith,
even as you were so tenacious in offering us your grace and life
in Jesus Christ, in whose name we lift our silent prayers ...**

[Silent Confession]

Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and restored to new life!

Gloria 583



The image shows two staves of musical notation for Gloria 583. The first staff is in 6/8 time and contains the lyrics: "Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!". The second staff is in 6/8 time and contains the lyrics: "Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". There are asterisks above the first and third measures of the second staff.

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter

Psalm 34: 1-8

¹ I will bless the LORD at all times; God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

² **My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

³ O magnify the LORD with me and let us exalt God's name together.

⁴ **I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.**

⁵ Look to God, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶ **This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,
and was saved from every trouble.**

⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

⁸ **O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in God.**

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Lesson

Mark 10: 46-52

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“Miracle Words”

Rev. Joe Genau

Hymn 22

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

1 God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise

4 God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life

2 God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save

5 God of the neighbor
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

3 God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks

6 God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

Sharing of the Peace

Announcements for the Community of Faith

Call to Offering

Anthem

"Come, Glad Hearts"

W.A. Mozart

The Una Vocé Choir

The Birmingham Girls Choir

1 Come, glad hearts in joyful measure, sing of those who spread the treasure which in God's own Word we find. Blessed tidings of salvation; peace on earth their proclamation; love, from God to all mankind; love from God to all mankind.

2 O may we, thy truth confessing, and thy holy word possessing, serve and love thee evermore. Unto thee our voices raising; thee with all our lives now praising, ever-more, forever-more; ever-more, forever-more.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of 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.

...we join our voices...

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...we are bold to lift our voices praying the prayer Jesus taught his disciples:

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Communion of the People

Music at Communion

With This Bread and Wine

Paul Taylor

Concerns of the Church & Prayers of the People

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Hymn 618

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

DEO GRACIAS

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
beyond all thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

2 For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew,
for us, the tempter overthrew.

4 For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent the Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

3 For us by wickedness betrayed,
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us gave up his dying breath.

5 All glory to our Lord and God,
for love so deep, so high, so broad:
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore.

Charge from the Steps

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Joe Genau

Postlude

Lord, Revive Us

based on an early American tune; arr. Franklin Ritter