

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

August 1, 2021



CENTERING PRAYER

And when we come before you, O God, let us bring our whole self. We are a motley crew, collectively and individually. Meet us as we come before you this day. We come seeking to open our hearts fully to you, for we are each in need of forgiveness and healing.

PRELUDE

Jesus, I Come

GEORGE C. STEBBINS / ALBIN C. WHITWORTH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Restore to us the joy of your salvation, Lord.

May flooded land be restored to fertile ground.

May dried hearts be restored to wholeness.

May fearful lives be restored to peaceful rest.

May compassion fatigue be restored to hopeful perseverance.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation, Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (FROM PSALM 51)

Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love.

Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins.

**Our God is merciful and gracious,
slow to get angry, and full of unfailing love.**

Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin.

For I recognize my shameful deeds—they haunt me day and night.

Lord, hear our silent confession:

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

God will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever.

**We give thanks for your mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love.**

THE PEACE

PLEASE SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST WITH YOUR PEW NEIGHBORS

MOMENT OF TEACING

ACTION PRAYER

**Dear God, You love the world. You love me.
Help me love you. Help me love the world.**

ANTHEM

In the Presence of Jehovah
GERON AND BECKY DAVIS / LYNDELL LEATHERMAN

*In and out of situations, that tug-of-war at me,
All day long I struggle for answers that I need.
But then I come into Your presence, and all my questions become clear,
And for this sacred moment, no doubts can interfere.*

*In the presence of Jehovah, God Almighty, Prince of Peace,
Troubles vanish; hearts are mended, in the presence of the King.*

*Through His love the Lord provided, a place for us to rest,
A place to find the answers, in the hour of distress.
Now there's never any reason for you to give up in despair.
Just slip away and breathe His name, for He will surely meet you there.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak to us through your Word today.

**May we hear you calling us out of the dark places in our lives
and into the new life you have promised to us.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 51:1-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;

in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgement.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.

**For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.**

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness, that my broken body may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Gospel According to David

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Unity

WRITTEN BY NOLAN PALSMAN, REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA

**We share one faith, have one calling,
are of one soul and one mind.**

**We have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit,
are baptized with one baptism, and eat of one bread and drink of one cup.**

**We confess one Name, are obedient to one Lord,
work for one cause and share one hope.**

**Together we come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ.
We are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity.**

**Together we come to know and bear one another's burdens,
thereby fulfilling the law of Christ
that we need one another and up build one another,
admonishing and comforting one another;
that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness.**

Together we pray; together we serve God in this world.

PRAYERS

Loving God, you have blessed the Church community
with all we need to do the ministry to which we have been called.
Bless us and build us up as the body of Christ.
We pray for Trinity and the church universal.
(Silent prayer) Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

We pray, O God, that we live with our neighbors in love and respect.
Give us grace to build peaceful communities and peaceful cities.
We pray for the people in the places we live, work, study, and play.
(Silent prayer) Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

We pray for the community of nations.
for those who are frustrated and scared,
for those hungry in body and soul,
for those who seek forgiveness and hope.
We pray for our country and for the peoples of the world.
(Silent prayer) Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

In this silence, hear our joys and needs.
In this silence, let us hear your words.
(Silent prayer) Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

One Trinity God, show us the way to go as we pray together, the prayer Jesus teaches us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

WORDS: CHARLOTTE ELLIOT, MUSIC: WILLIAM B BRADBURY

*Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee. O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, thy love unknown hath broken every barrier down;
now, to be thine, yea, thine alone. O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

BENEDICTION

Go now in peace for Christ has called us to live in peace among all those we meet.

We go now as one body to love and serve God and the world!