

Worship @ Home Guide – Oct 25, 2020

Reformation Sunday

Woodstock Presbyterian Church, 142 E. Court St., Woodstock, VA 22664



RECONNECT

Gathering Music/Announcements - “Abide with Me”, Glenzboyz

Welcome & Call to Worship

Ps. 90:1–6

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout
all generations.

**In you, we come home—
to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved.
We dwell in you.**

Before the mountains were born, before you delivered
the whole world,
from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

**In you, we are home—
we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice.
We dwell in you.**

Hymn – “O Master Let Me Walk With Thee”

Prayer of Confession

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our spirits are like new grass:
at the dawn they spring up fresh,

but by sunset they dry up and wither,
blown away in spiritual death.
Let us confess our frailty before our merciful God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, we confess:
we do not live as those worthy
to be entrusted with the good news of your grace;
we relate to others callously
as though we do not trust that gospel ourselves;
we seek to please and manipulate,
using flattery to gain praise and distinction;
we use condescension as a mask
to cover insecurity or a need for power.
Our motives are mixed, impure.
Lord, reassure and cleanse us,
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved ones,
believe again the gospel,
that in Christ we are accepted as we are.
Believe that we are forgiven, loved with the delight
of a nursing mother cherishing her child.
Believe that we are the church, the body of Christ,
called to love one another as gentle children of God.

READ

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷ He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² "What do you think of the Messiah? ^[a] Whose son is he?" They said to him,

"The son of David." ⁴³ He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit^[b] calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴ 'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

⁴⁵ If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

REFLECT

Message

Rev. Joan Wilson

Musical Reflection

"Amazing Grace"

RESPOND

Affirmation of Faith

from the Brief Statement of Faith 11.3

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.**

Loving us still,

**God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

Prayers

For the sake of all that is needed by Earth, its people, and our churches,
let us pray, saying,
Holy God, hear our prayer.

For people of faith in every land, in every religion, and in every home,
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

For the church of Christ,
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

For world leaders, peacekeepers, diplomats, and government workers,
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

For trees and plants, creatures large and small, for pets and working animals,
for oceans, winds, and soil,
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

For farmers in this harvest time, for those who fish and hunt,
for those who ship and store what is gathered,
and for those who cook and serve,
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

For children in school, teachers, and parents, and for those who have no schools,
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

For all else the church is concerned with on this day . . .

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Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

For all that we have not named but which you know, O Lord,
we trust that you will hear our prayer
in the name of Christ Jesus, our Savior. **Amen.**

RETURN

Charge & Benediction

Sending Hymn – A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Author: Martin Luther

*A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.*

*Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.*

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