

Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 25, 2020

(*in building*: please no singing or humming, and
all congregational prayer and responses should be silent.)

(*indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude "Procession" C. S. Lang

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Hymn 504 "A Mighty Fortress"

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Virtual Anthem "In Christ Alone" Getty/Townend/Nickel

Word

Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 46 S. Knarr

Reading Romans 3:19-28

*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 124

*Gospel Reading John 8:31-36

Sermon

Hymn of the Day 598 "For By Grace You Have Been Saved"

*Prayers of Intercession **A: hear our prayer.**

*Peace

Meal

Offering 692 "We Are an Offering"

*Offering Prayer

*Great Thanksgiving p. 129

*Holy, Holy, Holy p. 130

*Thanksgiving at the Table

*Lord's Prayer ("Our Father, who art in heaven...")

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Lamb of God

Communion

Communion Hymns 468, 548

*Table Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

Sending

*Blessing

Hymn 546

"To Be Your Presence

Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Ein' feste Burg"

M. Reger

Welcome to worship this morning, whether you are joining us in person or via the Golden Hour. In these pandemic times, worship will feel a lot different from normal, but it is still worship, and God is with us no matter what.

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

Confession and Forgiveness

(silent for in-person worships / spoken by radio listeners)

Blessed be the holy Trinity...

the one who fashions us,

the one who heals us,

the one who reforms us again and again.

Amen

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Source of life,

we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.

we fear that we are not good enough.

We hear your word of love freely given to us,

yet we expect others to earn it.

We turn the church inward,

rather than moving it outward.

Forgive us. Stir us.

Reform us to be a church powered by love,

willing to speak for what is right,

act for what is just and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us....

In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen ¹

¹Reformation 500 Sourcebook. Augsburg Fortress, 2016.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev'd Carey Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Ministers : Linda McLellan and Gabrielle Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music:
Deacon Scott Knarr

Choral Scholar: Alek Hrazburg

Celebration Bells: Anneke Klaver, Christine Klaver-Schmidt, Chloe Schmidt, Sam Schmidt, Mary-Ellen Winkler, Gwenanne Jorgenson, Christine Naguib

Usher Team Captain: Kevin Ernst

Radio Operator: Gary Pootz

Building Monitor: Ron Roeder

Worship Notes

In our prayers Ruth-Marie, Frank, Susan, Dolly, Judy, Bernice, Trinity Village and all Long Term Care Facilities in this time of pandemic.

This weeks Golden Hour broadcast has been sponsored by the family of Marie Smolak in celebration of her upcoming 80th birthday taking place next Monday November 2nd. We wish you lots of love and happiness from Michael, Astrid, Leslie, Cassidy, Jason and Agnieszka

Because we are limited in the number of singers we may have in worship, this morning our choir has joined forces with the Mount Zion, Waterloo choir to bring you a virtual choir anthem recorded this week for our worship today. Each singer recorded their voice at home and through a web platform their voices have been brought together and then harmonized by Mount Zion's music director Amy Di Nino. We are excited to incorporate this new initiative in our worship this morning.

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Important Information for today's worship:

- **Masks:** According to the Waterloo Region Bylaw, wearing a mask indoors is mandatory.
- **Children** must stay with you/ your family in your seat at all times.
- **Personal belongings:** All items must remain with you at all times.
- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex or the back usher pews upon leaving.
- **Guides to Worship:** Please place these in the recycling bins in the Narthex upon leaving, or take them home.
- **The Peace** will be shared without physical contact
- **Washrooms:** Available for emergency use only. Please only use the ones in the Sanctuary basement, follow all signage and maintain physical distancing.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, all will remain in place until the end of the postlude. Then, following the ushers' guidance, those in the back pews will exit first, going directly out the only official exit: the Benton parking lot doors. Please do not stop to talk and mingle at any point inside, and maintain physical distancing even until you are in the parking lot.
- **Coffee Hour** is cancelled until further notice.
- **Mingling:** Please do not mingle while indoors and respect 2 metre physical distancing at all times. Please refrain from shaking hands or other physical contact with people outside your social bubble.
- **Pastors** will not be greeting at the door or mingling inside. If you wish to talk to them, best to call or email at another time.
- **Water Coolers** are out of service.
- **Access to the rest of the building** (e.g. Office, Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Sunday school rooms, Scout Hall) is not permitted
- **Property Cleaning and Sanitizing:** Will be increased throughout this time
- **The Choirs** will not be singing at this time, since music will be provided by soloists and musicians

- **Thank you** for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!

General Announcements

Dear members and friends of St. Matthews,

As approved by the Board of Directors on September 27th, our building is now open for worship. Please read carefully through the informational letter sent out by email, mail and via the website and social media. If you have questions, please contact us.

Please note that normal gatherings and meals at the church still remain cancelled and the office is still closed to the public and the building locked. Our focus remains concentrated on meetings online and via phone. More updates will come as they are available.

All God's blessings! Pastors Sebastian and Carey

Virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom will now be held at 12 noon on Sundays (right after Golden Hour). Please consider joining us for lunch or coffee at your own comfortable table via computer, tablet or smartphone OR telephone. See the weekly e-newsletter for more information, or contact the office.

Facebook Live Service On All Saints Sunday, November 1st, we will be doing a trial of Facebook Live for our 9.30 a.m. service, providing a video and audio feed from a tripod near the front pews. We hope you can join us then at <https://www.facebook.com/stmattskw>. Please note our Golden Hour broadcast will still occur that Sunday at 11 on FaithFM.

Pastoral Visitation Update: During this time, in-home visits from pastors continue to be discouraged, and even in most seniors' residences and long-term care homes they are not allowed/ very difficult. If your loved one is in hospital, the only way for a pastor to visit is for them to be designated a "Care Partner" by the patient or their family (sometimes, only 2 Care Partners can be named). Thus, in-person visits are best restricted to emergency or end-of-life events, with a prefer-

ence for telephone or Zoom communication. During worship services, the pastors will not be greeting at the door or mingling, so if you want to talk to them, the best way is still to call or email them. Funeral services according to local health guidelines will continue to be planned.

Reserved Parking: On Sunday mornings and other worship services, please *only* park in the 6 spots nearest the office entrance (including the “pastor” and “music director” spots), closest to the wall of the church if you are:

- a) someone with mobility issues, or
- b) a parent with a stroller and young children. Our pastors and our music director come early enough to find a parking spot elsewhere.

This is a transitional measure prior to installing permanent signage.



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Contact info@stmattskw.com today!

Church Fire Plan For everyone’s awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.

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Fall Back

Daylight Saving Time
Ends This Weekend

Space for your notes on today's service, for your personal reflection.