

Grove Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Reformation Sunday:

500th Anniversary of Luther's 95 Theses

October 29, 2017

10:15 AM

--Ready for the Word--

Announcements and Welcome

Musical Prelude

arranged by Smith

“For All the Saints”

Invitation to Worship

Choral Beginning

“With Grateful Hearts Our Faith Professing”

*We Sing Together

Hymnal No. 371

“Lift High the Cross”

We Confess Together

Leader: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; God speaks, the earth melts.

People: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Leader: We acknowledge, confess, and lament that those who came before, and all of us, as well, trusted God's presence enough to be brave but not always enough to be patient; that we have trusted God to defend us, but we think only we can defend God.

People: We confess that, in our overconfidence and impatience, we have fractured the body of Christ. We lament our failure to trust God's sovereignty, our dishonoring of Christ's unity, our mistrust of the Spirit's possibilities.

Leader: We acknowledge, confess and lament, yet we are grateful:

People: The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: For by grace you have been saved through faith.

People: This is not our own doing; it is the gift of God.

Leader: So that no one may boast.

People: Let us then boast of God's grace within us and the claim of a new life, vibrant life, in Christ.

-- Receiving the Word --

*Passing of the Peace

Children's Story

*Reformation Litany

Insert

Litany is read alternating with the verses of

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Hymnal No. 260

Prayer for Understanding

New Testament Lesson (page 152)

Romans 1: 16-17, 3: 23-25

New Testament Lesson (page 192)

Ephesians 2: 8

Reflection

“By Grace Through Faith”

Musical Offering

by Smith

“By Faith God's People Stand”

-- Responding to the Word --

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymnal Pg. 16

Offertory

by Getty & Townsend

“In Christ Alone”

*Hymn of Commitment

Hymnal No. 423

“Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

*Musical Postlude

by Wagner

“Let All Who Have Breath Praise the Lord!”

*Please rise as able

*We welcome Rev. Dr. Carrie Stine, who lives in Watsontown with husband Herb. She is a retired Presbyterian minister in our Presbytery and serves as a hospice chaplain. Herb currently is making a stop-motion animated movie based on their 2nd book, **Florentine and the Good Samaritan**.*

Participants in today's service include: Rev. Dr. Carrie Stine (reflection, children's sermon, musical offering), Bryan L. Holmes (worship leader), Joy Christian (organist), Senior Choir (musical offering). Visiting Preacher for next week – Rev. Douglas Orbaker; reflection: **“Crossing the Jordan”**.