



Tartan Collage – Luther's Rose

*A celebration of our heritage: faith, family, Reformation, Scottish...
Soli Deo Gloria! To the Glory of God Alone!*

Grove Presbyterian Church

Welcome to Outdoor Worship in the Grove

Worship Service
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday † Kirkin' o' th' Tartan
October 25, 2020 10:15 AM

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Please be sure to wear a mask.

Welcome

Announcements

Minute for Stewardship

The Processional by Roever & Korb

“Highland Cathedral”

The Light of God Enters

The Beadle

The Banners

The Pastor

The Choir

Call to Worship – *From Psalm 100*

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

One: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his.

All: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

All: Give thanks to him, bless his name.

One: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

All: And his faithfulness to all generations.

Gathering Hymn

by Martin Luther

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Martin Luther’s most famous hymn: Ein’ Fest Burg

**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.**

**That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth.**

**The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.**

**Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.**

Prayer of Confession – *From the Church of Scotland*

We confess our sins to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Compassionate God of life, your kindly pardon give: for our careless talk, our broken oath, our empty speech; for all that we have left undone,

for all that we have done amiss. As we receive the word and knowledge of your forgiveness, enshroud us, encircle us, each day and each night. Uphold us, be our treasure, our triumph everlasting; strong Son of God most high.

~Silent Confession~

Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Response

Doxology

Old Hundredth from the Genevan Psalter

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace (air waves, no touching)

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading

Jonah 1

Sermon

"Fight or Flight"

Affirmation of Faith

Scots Confession — 1560: “The Kirk”

As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk, that is to say, one company and multitude of people chosen by God, who rightly worship and embrace God by true faith in Christ Jesus, who is the only Head of the Kirk, even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus.

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me

Traditional Scottish Tune: Kelvingrove

**“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?**

**Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"**

**"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?"**

**Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.**

**Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

Blessing

Benediction

by Gregory De Blicke

"May the God of Peace"

From the New Scottish Hymns Band

*May the God of peace sanctify your lives,
Keep your souls and bodies blameless.
For the time will come when the Lord returns,
And he calls his servants home.*

*Let a hymn of praise be upon your lips,
Let his word dwell in you richly;
And let all you do be for his great name
Giving thanks to God alone.*

Postlude



Flowers today are given by Jason, Charlotte, and Lydia Clapper to the glory of God, in celebration of Laurie and Reese Clapper's birthdays.

Participants in today's service: Beth Christian (worship leader), Mike Tinstman (Minute for Stewardship), William Gibson, Jr., Justin Gaspar, Kessey Kieselhorst, Cathy Sanders (music), Lynne Pabst (children's sermon), Scott Lawvere (audio/video), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Jason Clapper.

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Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Today we are celebrating the Kirkin' o' the Tartan, a ceremony highlighting our Scottish Reformation and Presbyterian roots. The event remembers the history and legend of an older time: after Bonnie Prince Charlie's Scottish forces were defeated by the English at the Battle of Culloden in 1746, the Scots were once again under British rule. Concerned that the traditional wearing of the clan plaids promoted a strong sense of Scottish identity, British laws were enacted forbidding Scots to carry arms or wear kilts or tartans. According to legend, the stubborn Scots started to secretly wear a piece of their tartans to Kirk (the Scottish word for church), where the minister would include a blessing (a Kirkin') in the service for the tartans.

The celebration of the Kirkin' o' the Tartan is actually an American tradition begun in the early days of World War II by Rev. Dr. Peter Marshall (1902-1949), the Scottish pastor of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC and Chaplain of the Senate. Rev. Marshall was concerned that American Scots were not fully aware of the imminent threat to their homeland. He preached a sermon in 1941 called "The Kirkin' o' the Tartan"; in it, Marshall spoke about the oppression of the Scots during the days of the Act of Proscription and then drew his congregation's attention to the global threat of cultural annihilation and genocide posed by the Nazi dictatorship. He asked for support for the British War Relief and the Scottish Clans Evacuation Plan. Funds raised at that service went towards a mobile kitchen in Scotland. As the war continued, the Washington D.C. St. Andrews Society continued to hold prayer services for the relief efforts and the services became known as Kirkin's.

Since then, many Protestant Churches have adopted the tradition, and hold services with bagpipes, drums, and a parade of Tartan flags.

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