

## Worship for October 31

### GATHERING MUSIC –

*Prayer, Richard Gipson*

*Here I Am, Lord, Dan Schutte*

Peter Zlotnick, vibraphone

### WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Five hundred years ago, your grace reignited the hearts of women and men. Today, we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses as we remember names like Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, and Knox.

**Just when we think all is settled and everything is finished, your power and presence explodes on to the scene yet again, bringing newness, bringing life.**

May we be reminded this day of the pillars that shape our faith: scripture alone, grace alone, faith alone

**May we look also to the future, guided by your Spirit so we may be the church reformed and always reforming.**

Let us worship God!

adapted from Rev. Ryan Slifka

### OPENING MUSIC - *A Cup of Rejoicing*, Shaker Tune

*Here in This Place*, Marty Haugen

Peter Zlotnick, vibraphone

### SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, you have never stopped moving in the world and calling your church to follow your lead. Forgive us, O God, when we think of ourselves as reformed only in the past tense. When we fail to follow the winds of your Spirit leading us to change. When we are stuck in our ways, hesitant to listen to your message coming to us through the voice of a neighbor, a stranger, or a new generation. Forgive us, O God, and grant us assurance that you never stop reforming your church. For you are the one who makes all things new. (silent prayers)**

adapted from Call to Worship 54.1

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

### HYMN - *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*, Hymn 65

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

Cindy Lee

## **SCRIPTURE READING - Mark 12: 28 – 34**

<sup>28</sup> One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup> you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup> The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." <sup>32</sup> Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; <sup>33</sup> and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." <sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

**SERMON**    *God's Plan*

**Rev. Kim Priddy**

**ANTHEM - Adoration, Florence B. Price**  
**Peter Zlotnick, vibraphone**

## **INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

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## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to Whom alone we must cleave, Whom alone we must serve, Whom alone we must worship, and in Whom alone we must put our trust; Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; by Whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible.

Scots Confession, 1560 (Chapter 1)

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN - A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, Hymn 275**

## **BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE – Kembang Suling, movement II, Gareth Farr**  
**Peter Zlotnick, vibraphone**