

Empowerment



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Reformation Sunday



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Welcome to all God's guests, especially those who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion** and **commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

**Children are always welcome in worship services;
however please know the cry room at the back of the sanctuary is
available for parents who need to tend to their little ones.**

Please silence your cellphone at this time

Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

P The world needs to change. And we are the changemakers!
This work of changemaking is going to take a while.

All We are called to be changemakers for our whole lives!

P And this work is going to take all of us.

If we want to keep change going,
we need to be inviting others,
joining with others,
witnessing to others,
and empowering others to do this work with us.

For many of us, this is the hardest part of making change,

***All* but we are ready to be bold.**

P We come to worship this morning, eager to be part of this movement
and to bring others along in our work.

We come to worship this morning, trusting that God will empower us.

We are the changemakers, and we are ready!

***All* Thanks be to God!**

ONE VOICE

Ruth Moody
arr. Marcelline Moody

This is the sound of one _

_ voice, One spi- rit, one _ voice, The sound of one who makes a _

_ choice _ This is the sound of one _ voice _ This is the sound of one _

_ voice.

The musical score is written on five staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The time signature changes from 3/4 to 4/4, then 3/4, then 4/4, then 3/4, and finally 4/4. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are placed below the staves, with lines of text corresponding to the musical phrases. The second staff continues the melody and includes the lyrics 'One spi- rit, one _ voice, The sound of one who makes a _'. The third staff continues the melody and includes the lyrics '_ choice _ This is the sound of one _ voice _ This is the sound of one _'. The fourth staff continues the melody and includes the lyrics '_ voice.'.

P God has given us all we need to build a movement, but it is slow and difficult work. Let us confess together the times that we have waned and faltered in our work of making change.

Holy One, you have shown us how to empower other people through the life of Jesus Christ, and yet, we insist on doing this changemaking work alone.

***All* We say that's because no one else came to do the work,
but did we bother to invite them?**

No, we didn't.

WA Maybe we were too afraid to ask.
Maybe we were afraid they would say, 'No.'
We don't like the feeling of rejection.
Or maybe we wanted things done *our* way,
and we didn't want someone else to mess it up.
We *do* like the feeling of control.

But in all of this, we forget that the work of changemaking
is not about us. It is God's work. It is important work that must
continue beyond us, and after us.

***All* Forgive us.**

Forgive us for making your work small.

Forgive us for our weakness and timidity.

**Send us your spirit again,
and free us from our fear and complacency.**

Embolden us.

**Make us unafraid of change,
and undeterred in our work of changemaking. Amen.**

P Hear this assurance of Good News: the scriptures remind us that the
"Spirit is poured out on all people." We can trust that when we work
together, we will see and recognize this Spirit in others.

P This is the best part about being a Changemaker—the power of the community can rise up to heights we never imagined on our own. We have more than we need.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of ✝ the Holy Spirit
Our sins are FORGIVEN and FORGOTTEN.



This is the sound of voi - ces___ two, The



sound of me__sing- in'with___ you. Help-ing each o__ther to make it__ through___



This is the sound of voi ces___ two,___ This is the sound of voi ces___ two.

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

Prayer for This Day

P Holy One, help us to hear what you are doing in the Gospel.

All Help us to hear the ways that you are empowering us,
and in this story, help us to learn how to empower others.
In every way, make us more like Jesus,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

You may be Seated

Lectio Divina—A Reading from Mark the 6th chapter

We have heard the next reading each week of this series in an ancient Christian tradition called “lectio divina” of repeating readings in order to understand more fully. Hear now another interpretation of the story:

Now the twelve returned from their travels and told Him what they had done, *whom they had seen*, and how they had spread the news of God’s kingdom.

Jesus: Let us go out into the wilderness for a while and rest ourselves.

The crowds gathered as always, and Jesus and the twelve couldn’t eat because so many people came and went. They could get no peace until they boarded a boat and sailed toward a deserted place.

But the people would not be put off so easily. Those along the shore who recognized Jesus followed along the coast. People pushed out of all the cities and gathered ahead of Him so that when Jesus came ashore and saw this crowd of people waiting for Him in a place that should have been relatively deserted, He was moved with compassion. They were like sheep without a shepherd.

He began to teach them many things as the day passed; at last the disciples came to Jesus.

All: It is getting late, and there is nothing around for miles. Send these people to the surrounding villages so they can buy something to eat.

Jesus: Why don’t you give them something to eat?

All: What? It would cost a fortune to buy bread for these people!

Jesus: Does anyone have any bread? Go and see.

All: There are five pieces of flatbread and two fish, if that makes any difference.

Jesus: Listen, tell them to gather in smaller groups and sit on that green patch of grass.

And so the disciples gathered the people in groups of 100 or of 50, and they sat down.

Jesus took the five pieces of *flatbread* and the two fish, looked up to heaven, thanked God for the food, and broke it. He gave the pieces to the disciples to distribute, and all of the people ate until no one was hungry. Then they gathered twelve baskets full of leftovers.

That day, 5,000 people ate their fill of the bread when Jesus fed the hungry crowd.

Mark 6:30-44 (The Voice)

WA The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.

This is the sound of voi ces—three, Sing-in' to ge-ther in har mon

— ny, Sur - ren-der ing to the my -ste— ry— This is the sound of voi ces

— three, This is the sound of voi ces— three.

Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

***All* Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus and his followers came into Jericho. As Jesus was leaving Jericho, together with his disciples and a sizable crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, Timaeus' son, was sitting beside the road. When he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was there, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, show me mercy!" Many scolded him, telling him to be quiet, but he shouted even louder, "Son of David, show me mercy!"

Jesus stopped and said, "Call him forward."

They called the blind man, "Be encouraged! Get up! He's calling you."

Throwing his coat to the side, he jumped up and came to Jesus.

Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?"

The blind man said, "Teacher, I want to see."

Jesus said, "Go, your faith has healed you." At once he was able to see, and he began to follow Jesus on the way.

Mark 10: 46-52 (CEB)

P The Gospel of our Lord.

***All* Praise to you, O Christ.**

You may be Seated

Children's Sermon & Noisy Offering

Sermon

Pr. Gordon Young

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

We All Are One in Mission

Tune: The Church's One Foundation

- 1 We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.
- 2 We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.
- 3 Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

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Apostles' Creed

P Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

You may be Seated

WA Gracious God as we come to you in prayer,
we bring thoughts of those who are no longer with us.
We call to mind those we know need our prayers.
We also call to mind the concerns of this world.

WA Holy — Loving — Changemaking God,
be present with any and all who are hoping for
relief, new beginnings, help, and healing.
Help us to be with and for one another,
claiming our identity as disciples of Jesus,
the Changemaker of our lives.

We Lift Up
By Nick Ehrhardt

All Ooooh, Ooooooh, We Lift Up Our Prayers.
(Repeat throughout)

Leader For the planet, for its people.
For the church and it's many shapes of steeples.
For the hungry, for the cold.
For the young and for the old.
For our joy and for our pain.
For the sunshine for the rain.
For the dying, for the sick.
For our loved ones and the glue that makes us stick.
For our leaders for their minds.
For your wisdom as to how we draw our lines.
For the world and its frantic pace.
For the places where we find deeper space.
For all yearning hearts beneath the sun.
For the chance for a prayer for everyone.
For our words and for our silence. (Pause)

All Ooooh, Ooooooh, Ahhhmen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ : Please stand in body or spirit.

P Jesus Christ become peace with you.

All And also with you.

You may be Seated

Offertory



This is the sound of all of us

Sing-in' with love and the will to



trust.

Leave the rest behind, it'll turn to dust

This is the sound of all of



us.

This is the sound of all of us.

Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray:

You alone, O God, by your gracious and life-giving Spirit,
have power to knit our imperfect hearts,
our weaknesses, our strengths, our stories,
and our gifts, one to another.

All Unite Your people and multiply our meager offerings, O Lord,
that all might resound to Your glory. Amen.

Holy Communion

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***All* It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

WA Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him, we find our purpose,
seeking to serve his purposes in our lives.
Your Spirit anointed him to bring change for those who needed it most:
to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

And so, in remembrance of your wonder-filled acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves for changemaking as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

***All* Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

P Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ –
May we become what we have freely received
...the body of Christ.

By your Spirit, seal our connection with Christ,
our connection with each other,
and our connection to all the world through our ministry
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

**All Through your Son Jesus Christ
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer Please stand in body or spirit.

P Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

**All 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Invitation

P In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.
Come to the banquet.

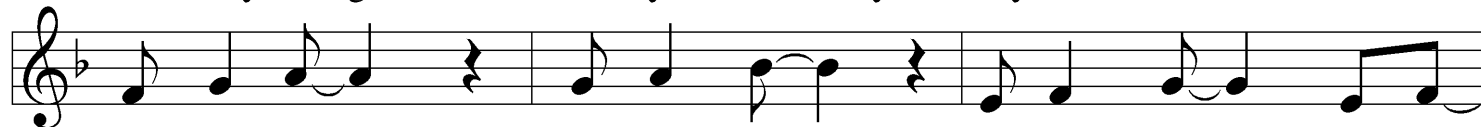
Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the
cups in the center contain white grape juice.
Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant

Communion Songs

Lord, My Strength



1 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me through the dark;
2 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, you and you a - lone:



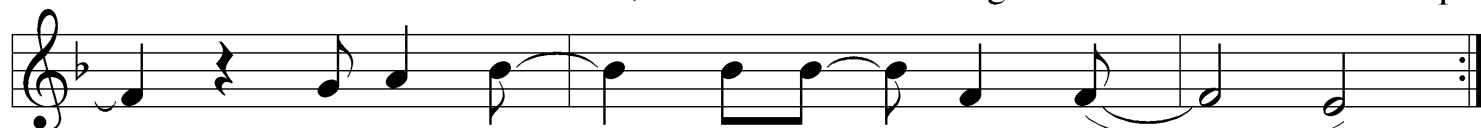
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, heal this wan - d'ring heart.
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me safe - ly home.



Be my eyes, be my ears, be the on -
Ev-'ry step that I make, be the road



- ly voice I hear; guide my soul, give me sight,
I will take; be the thoughts that I keep



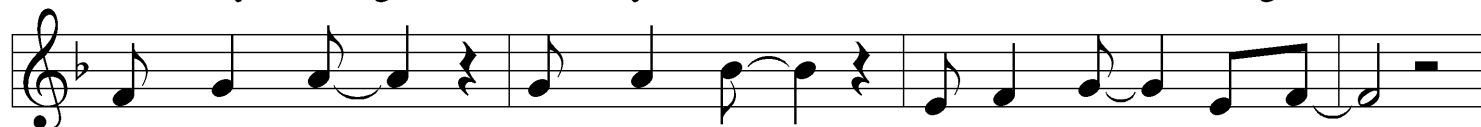
help me walk with - in your light.
and in ev - 'ry word I speak.



3 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me through the dark;



Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, heal this wan - d'ring heart.



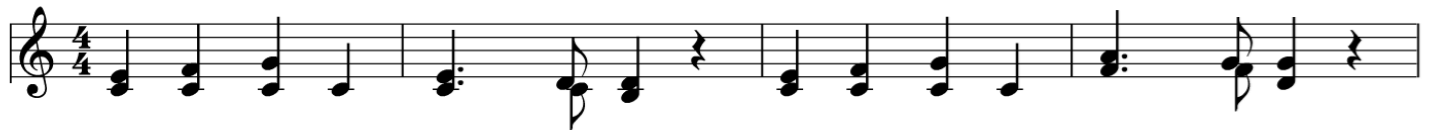
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, you and you a - lone:



Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me safe - ly home.

Grace Alone

Words and Music by
Scott Wesley Brown
and Jeff Nelson



1. Ev - 'ry prom - ise we can make, ev - 'ry prayer and step of faith;
2. Ev - 'ry soul we long to reach, ev - 'ry heart we hope to teach;



Ev - 'ry dif - f'rence we will make is on - ly by His grace.
Ev - 'ry - where we share His peace is on - ly by His grace.



Ev - 'ry moun - tain we will climb, ev - 'ry ray of hope we shine;
Ev - 'ry lov - ing word we say, ev - 'ry tear we wipe a - way;



Ev - 'ry bless - ing left be - hind is on - ly by His grace. Grace a -
Ev - 'ry sor - row turned to praise is on - ly by His grace.



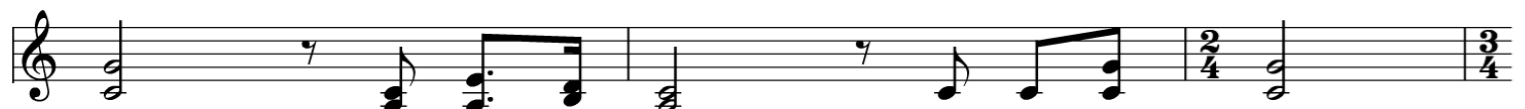
-lone which God sup - plies, strength un - known He will pro -



-vide, Christ in us our Cor - ner - stone; We will go forth in grace a -



-lone. lone. We will go



forth in grace a - lone. We will go forth



in grace a - lone.

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All Amen

P Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.

**All Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen**

You may be Seated

Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements

Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Blessed are the changemakers.
Blessed are you who are not asleep
to the world's pain and suffering.
Blessed are you who lament for the way things are.
Blessed are you who know, to the depth of your bones,
that this is not how things are meant to be.
Blessed are you for not believing the lie that
this is how they will always remain.
Blessed are you who know that things can change,
who long for things to change.
Blessed are you whose life's ambition is to bring the change
that is justice and mercy for all.

P Blessed are you who know that God has always employed the faithful
acts of ordinary people to heal and change this world.
Blessed are you who know that change begins today,
change begins with us, ✚
and that we are blessed to be the changemakers.

Let the people say...

All Amen.

Sending

This is the sound of one voice, One people, one voice. A
song for every one of us, This is the sound of one
voice, This is the sound of one voice.

Dismissal

WA Now go into the world,
risking something big for something good.
Know that God has empowered YOU to respond to evil with goodness,
wherever and whenever you may go in this world.
And know that your passion will emerge from the nest
when the time is right... and fly!

All Thanks be to God.

Readings for next Sunday, November 2nd	First Reading: Isaiah 1:10-18 Psalm: Psalm 32:1-7 Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Gospel: Luke 19:1-10
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