**We are called to be the Church:** **to celebrate God’s presence,** **to live with respect in Creation,** **to love and serve others,** **to seek justice and resist evil,** **to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,** **our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,** **God is with us.**

**We are not alone.** **Thanks be to God.**

Bringing Forward God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

\*Doxology **# 95 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.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Lord’s Prayer

**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. Amen.**

\*Singing Our Faith # **2153** *“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”*

\*Blessing and Dismissal

\*Postlude

**Scatter to Serve God & Neighbor**

*Welcome to all! We gather to praise God for the innumerable blessings given to us and to grow deeper in the Spirit. Joyfully, let us lift our hearts to God.*



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10:30 a.m. ~ October 29, 2023 ~ Reformation Sunday

Our ministry vision for the Virginia Annual Conference is ***“to be disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners, who influence others to serve.”***

***Welcome! Join us in worshiping God!***

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

*Welcome in the name of Christ our Lord. Please register your attendance, printing your name, address, phone, and email, on the attendance pad provided on your pew. Thank you for silencing cell phones as we gather to worship God.*

Invocation

\*Greeting

O love divine, unfathomed!

**O shoreless sea of bliss!**

Thy throne the highest heaven,

**Yet flowing down to this**

Dark world of guilt and sorrow,

**Redeems the fettered soul;**

Thy paths of peace I follow,

**O love, our hearts extol!**

O love! supreme affection!

We bow low at thy shrine,

**Love is our great salvation;**

**O love divine!**

Enshrined within the heart

**Of Father’s tender love,**

We seem in deep mid-ocean

**Of heaven’s bliss above;**

Oh, wonders of redemption!

**We gaze in silent awe**

Upon the new creation,

**Where love is freedom’s law.**

O love! supreme affection!

We bow low at thy shrine,

**Love is our great salvation;**

**O love divine!** *(Daniel S. Warner, 1842-1895)*

\*Singing Our Faith **# 154** (vs 1, 2, 4, & 6)

*“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”*

\*Opening Prayer

**Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Anthem *“The Love of God”*

Greeting Friends and Neighbors

Scripture Lesson Luke 6:27-38

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*Singing Our Faith **# 172** *“My Jesus, I Love Thee”*

The Good News ***“The Hard Work of Love”***

\*Affirmation of Faith

**We are not alone, we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,**

**who has come in Jesus,** **the Word made flesh,**

**to reconcile and make new,** **who works in us and others**

**by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

***\*\*Calendar \*\****

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| Monday, 10/30 | 6:00 p.m. | *Line Dancing (Camp Meadowlark)* |
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| Thursday, 11/2 | 10:00 a.m. | *Merry Marthas Circle*We will go on a “field trip” to the University of Lynchburg’s Claytor Nature Center in Bedford. If the weather is suitable we will eat a picnic lunch there (each bring their own sandwich or salad, I will bring dessert). If rainy or too cold, we will eat at a restaurant in Bedford. We will carpool from church, to be there by 11:00. Anyone is welcome to join us! |
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| Friday, 11/3 | 10:00 a.m. | *Homeschool* |

***\*\*Looking Ahead on the Calendar \*\****

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| Sunday, 11/5 |  | *Daylight Saving Time ends*Remember to set your clocks BACK one (1) hour before bedtime on Saturday, November 4, 2023. |
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| Saturday, 11/11 | 9:30 a.m. | *Mountain View District Palooza,* First UMC, Martinsville, VA Charge Conferences will be held along with District Conference. |

**Cards for Homebound Members**

Please take a moment to sign the cards for our homebound members that Erin has placed in the Commons.

**For the Grocery Cart:**

**October ~** Canned green beans, corn, yams, cranberry sauce, boxed instant mashed potatoes, stuffing mix.

Place donations in the grocery cart, located in the Commons.



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