

*Soli Deo Gloria*



**COMMUNITY–WIDE  
WORSHIP SERVICE**

*In Commemoration of the*  
**500th ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
REFORMATION  
1517–2017**



**One Body, Many Parts**

*1 Corinthians 12:12*



Sunday, October 29, 2017, 5:00 PM  
Christ Memorial Church  
Holland, Michigan

*Sing to the LORD a new song;  
Sing to the LORD, all the earth.*

*Psalm 96:1*

**On October 31, 1517, a young Augustinian monk named Martin Luther**, nailed 95 theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. His purpose was to challenge abuses in church doctrine and practice. Although intended only for public debate among fellow religious and professors, the 95 theses were published and soon spread like wildfire throughout the German territories and beyond. Luther's writings served as a catalyst for a movement that claimed many church leaders, including John Calvin.

Reformation 500 Holland's commemoration of this epochal event in the history of the church—indeed of the entire world—has had a dual thrust. First, the Reformation left an indelible stamp on this city. The churches and schools, the customs and ways of life here, cannot be understood apart from the Dutch Calvinism that has shaped them. Reformation 500 has provided Holland citizens a special occasion to remember and honor their spiritual and cultural heritage. Second, the Reformation did not only concern Luther and Protestants, but also the entire Western church. That is why our committee includes both Protestants and Catholics. Together we sought ways to explore our common past, not merely to satisfy the historical curiosity of Holland citizens, but to encourage the members of local congregations and parishes to learn from the divisions that happened then. Having looked into our past, we as the church can ask who we are today, with a view to how we can move forward together into a shared future.

In this perspective, Reformation 500 Holland has sought to be a catalyst for Christian unity. For this reason, there is a no more fitting finale to our commemoration than this ecumenical worship service, in which Protestants and Catholics praise God together! May it be a sign of good things to come!

The programs of this past month, including this ecumenical worship service, were organized by a committee of dedicated local individuals: Christopher Dorn, chair, Robert J. Batastini, Marvin Hofman, Mary Johnson, Thomas Ludwig, Larry Schuyler, Don Sinnema, Jeff Tyler, Steven Vander-Molen, Lou Wagenveld.

### **Participants**

Worship Leader: Rev. Marvin Hofman

Preacher: Rev. Dr. John D. Witvliet

Gospel Reader: Rev. Charles D. Brown

Prayer of the People: Mary Johnson

Music Director: Robert J. Batastini

Organist: Rhonda Sider Edgington

The St. Francis de Sales Brass

Singers from: Baldwin St. CRC (Jenison), Bethel CRC (Zeeland), Christ Memorial, Church of the Savior, Church of the Servant (G.R.), Community Reformed, Faith Reformed, Grace Episcopal, Hillside CRC (Hudsonville), Holy Family (Caledonia), Hope Reformed, Maranatha CRC, N. Holland Reformed, Noordeloos CRC, Our Lady of the Lake, Park CRC, Pillar, St. Francis de Sales, Trinity Reformed, Triumph Lutheran Brethren, Zion Lutheran, 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist, 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational (Muskegon), 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian, 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reformed, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reformed, 14<sup>th</sup> Street CRC.

**Special Thanks** to Christ Memorial Church, and our liaison, Jay Lindell, for their gracious hospitality. To 14<sup>th</sup> Street CRC and pastor, Marvin Hofman, for hosting our committee meetings, lectures, and choir rehearsals. To the numerous area pastors who contributed to these efforts by participating in our frequent clergy luncheons. And finally, to GIA Publications, Inc., of Chicago, for designing and printing this worship bulletin.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

## Preludes

*All stand*

## Call to Worship

## All People That on Earth Do Dwell

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell,  
 2. Know that the Lord is God in - deed;  
 3., 4. *Choir*  
 5. To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

Sing to the Lord with cheer - ful voice;  
 With - out our aid he did us make.  
 The God whom heav'n and earth a - dore,

Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;  
 We are his folk, he does us feed,  
 From us and from the an - gel host

Come we be - fore him and re - joice.  
 And for his sheep he does us take.  
 Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

## Prayer of Confession and Welcome

God of Grace,

We grieve that the church,  
which shares one Spirit, one faith, one hope, and one calling,  
has become a broken communion in a broken world.

The one body spans all time, place, race, and language,  
but in our fear we have fled from and fought one another,  
and in our pride we have mistaken our part for the whole.

Yet we marvel that you gather the broken pieces to do your work,  
that you bless us with joy, with growth, and with signs of unity.

Forgive our sins and help us to commit ourselves  
to seeking and showing the unity of the body of Christ.

in his name,

**Amen.**

*Assurance of pardon – based on 1 Peter 2:9-10 NRSV*

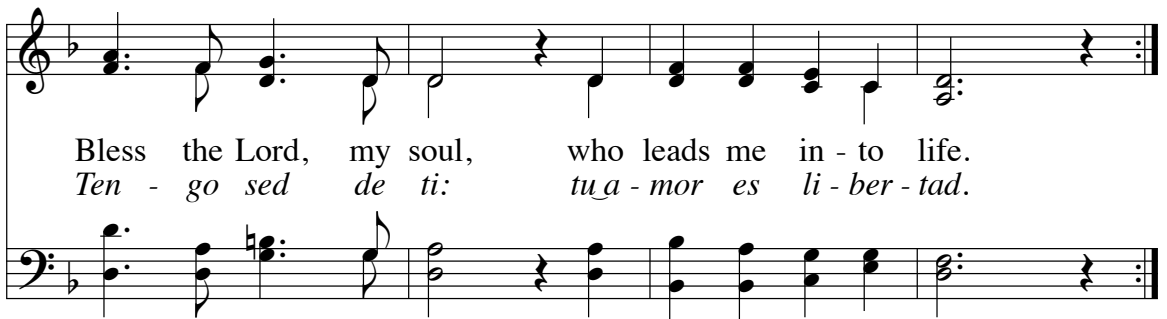
## Bless the Lord

*All sing six times, alternating English, Spanish.*

### Ostinato Refrain



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.  
*Ten - go sed de ti, oh fuen - te del a - mor.*



Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.  
*Ten - go sed de ti: tu a - mor es li - ber - tad.*

Text: Psalm 103

Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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*All stand*

## Passing of the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,

Let us forgive one another.

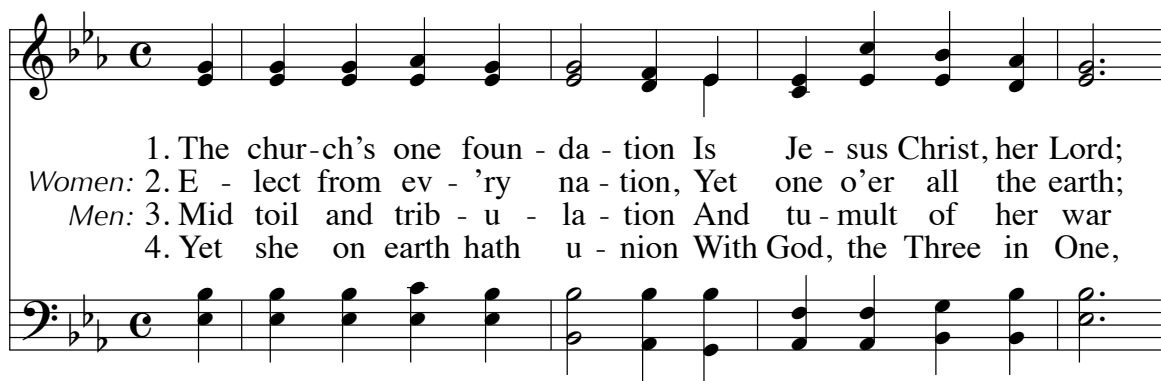
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

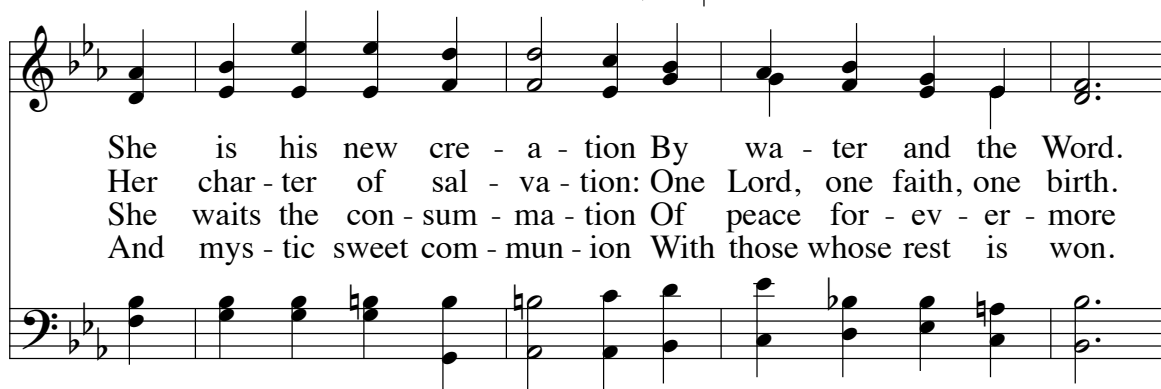
*The peace of Christ...*

**Hymn**

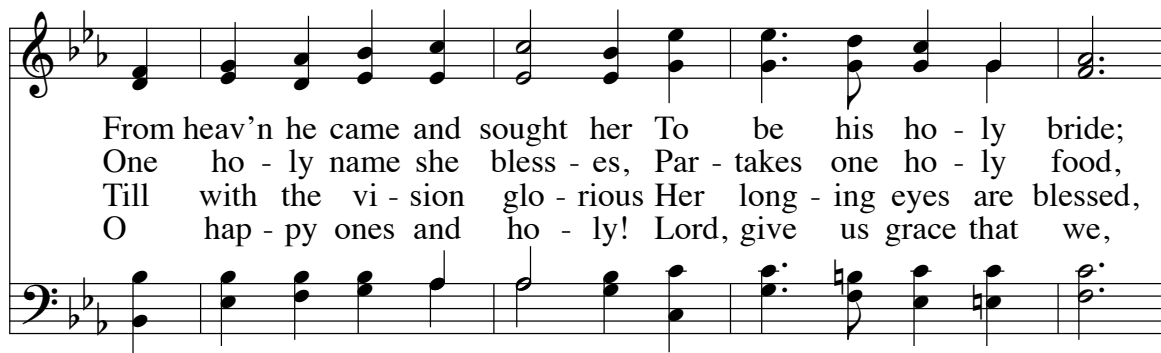
## The Church's One Foundation



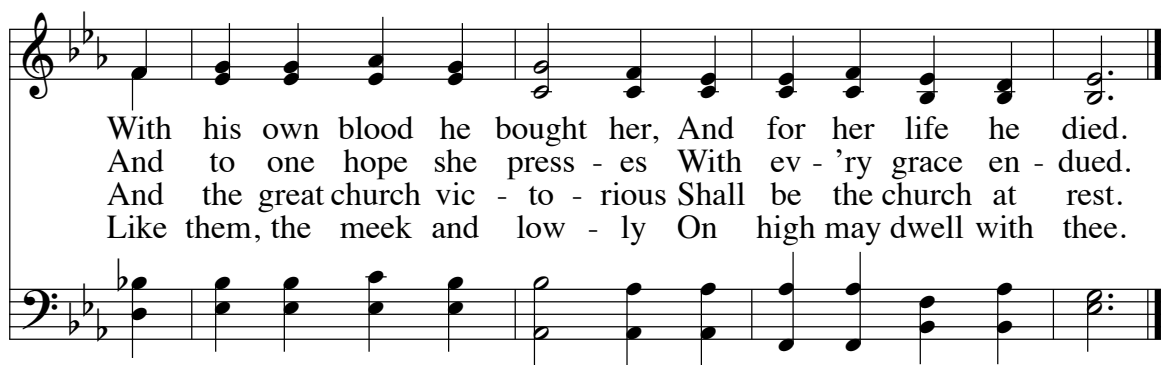
1. The church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
*Women:* 2. Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
*Men:* 3. Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war  
 4. Yet she on earth hath union With God, the Three in One,



She is his new creation By water and the Word.  
 Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore  
 And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her To be his holy bride;  
 One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
 Till with the vision glorious Her long-ing eyes are blessed,  
 O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,



With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.  
 And to one hope she presses With every grace endowed.  
 And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.  
 Like them, the meek and lowly On high may dwell with thee.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900, alt.  
 Tune: AURELIA, 7 6 7 6 D; Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

**Prayer**  
*All sit*

**Choir Anthem – Walk Together, Children**

Oh, walk together, children, don't you get weary,  
 Walk on, my children, don't you get weary,  
 Just a walk together, children, don't you get weary,  
 There's a great camp meetin' in the promised land.

*Traditional spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan, 1957–2003*

**Psalm 23****Shepherd Me, O God**

Refrain: *All*

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -  
 yond my fears, from death in - to life.

Verses: *Choir*

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want;  
 I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love;  
 I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul;  
 you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth;  
 my spirit shall sing the music of your name.
3. Though I should wander the valley of death,  
 I fear no evil, for you are at my side;  
 your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.
4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,  
 crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.
5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;  
 I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

Text: Psalm 23; Marty Haugen  
 Music: Marty Haugen  
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**Gospel Reading**

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Leader:* A reading from the Gospel of John.

*At the conclusion:*

*Leader:* The gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon – Our Savior's Longing**

## Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father,  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered, died, and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The Lord and giver of life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
And with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

*Leader:* We lift this up to you, O Lord.

*People:* Lord, hear our prayer.

## 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.

## Choir Anthem – *Many Colors Paint the Rainbow*

Many colors paint the rainbow arching over land and sea.  
Many colors form the fabric of our human tapestry.  
God, with joy and hope you made us by a pattern you had planned,  
Weaving varied threads together with a skilled and loving hand.

Many peoples bring their treasures, as those kings who traveled far,  
 Drawn from all earths scattered places back to Christ, the Morning Star.  
 All may offer gifts to others and from them receive in turn.  
 In the gathering of nations, help us, God, help us teach and learn.

Many faces round the table wait for Christ, the Risen Lord,  
 for he comes with love to meet us in the Loaf, the Cup, the Word.  
 All are welcomed, none rejected, bound by Christy in unity,  
 Naming others, sisters, brothers, in a worldwide family.

Many voices sing God's praises in a language all their own.  
 Tongues confused at Babel's Tower now are joined around God's throne.  
 Free our hearts of hate and discord till our lives in concert blend.  
 "Alleluia! Alleluia!" be our anthem without end.

*Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 1923-2007; Music: Roy Hopp, b. 1951; © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.*

### Closing Prayer/Benediction

Go from this place united in heart and thought,  
 strong to serve the Lord of the church.  
 And may the blessing of God,  
 -the Father,  
 -the Son  
 -and the Holy Spirit,  
 come upon you and stay with you always.  
**Amen.**

### Concluding Hymn

### Go to the World!



1. Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth. Go  
 2. Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.  
 Choir: 3. Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless and pray. The  
 4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, For



preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth, Bap -  
 Go live the Word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
 nights of tears give way to joy - ous day. As  
 I am with you till the age shall end, When



tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space. Al -  
 ser - vant Church you fol - low Christ's own way.  
 all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!