

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (Unison)

**God of our Ancestors, in every age You have raised up brave and able people to confess their faith. We thank You for all who have made a faithful witness of Your love, and we offer ourselves to You – our time, talents, and material possessions – that in the power of the Holy Spirit we also may truly confess Christ as Lord and Savior of all. Amen.**

### THE BELHAR CONFESSION

\*Hymn 687

St. Anne

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

\*Invitation to Discipleship

\*Charge and Benediction (Responsive)

God has reconciled us to God's own self and to one another, and has made us one community of love.

***We celebrate God's gift of unity, and claim it as our calling.***

Separation, enmity and hatred are sins that Christ has already conquered;

***they have no place here among the beloved of God.***

God has given us many ways to enjoy our unity.

***We commit ourselves to bless one another.***

We will keep the one faith and fulfill our one calling.

***We will be of one soul and mind.***

We will share one baptism, eat one bread, and drink one cup.

***We will confess one Name, and share one hope.***

We will bear one another's burdens and build each other up.

***We will suffer together for the sake of God's righteousness.***

We will pray together and serve God together.

***We will fight together against everything that threatens our unity.***

We will use our differences to serve Christ, one another, and the world.

***We celebrate God's gift of unity, and claim it as our calling.***

\*Recessional of Banners

*Weather permitting, Mr. Fay will play outside following the recessional. At the conclusion of his playing, members are asked to please return to the sanctuary for a congregational meeting.*

*Charge and Benediction adapted from the Belhar Confession submitted by Paul Janssen, Pascack Reformed Church, Park Ridge, New Jersey*

## REFORMATION SUNDAY



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Reformation Sunday  
THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
October 27, 2019 10:40 A.M.

Festival of Banners

*\*The congregation is invited to stand as music begins.  
Additional worshipers may enter as the congregation sings.*

Welcome to worship. Come one and all, in the spirit of the psalmist, to “sing and make melody to the Lord” (Psalm 27:6). Let us unite in joyous worship of our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. Today we celebrate our Reformed history as we reflect on each confession statement found in the PC(USA) Book of Confessions. Let us worship the God who has accompanied us through all of history. ***(Please sign the attendance register and pass it along, greeting those near you. Guests, please share your address and telephone number with us.)***

Opening Voluntary J.S. Bach  
“We All Believe in One True God”

Bagpiper Jarrod Fay  
Entrance of Baptismal Water, the Christ Light,  
and the Bible

Litany Call to Worship (Responsive)  
In this gathering to worship God, we celebrate the witness and work of the Reformers - for their courageous acts of faith in the midst of corruption, turmoil and sinister practices in the Church.  
**They proclaimed fearlessly the centrality of scripture under the lordship of Jesus Christ.**  
Symbolized by the Banners displayed, we honor the Reformers for their positive, transforming contributions to renew and restore the Church for the people of God.

\*Hymn 331 National Hymn  
“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

Minute for Stewardship Kelly Baggett

Children’s Worship  
*Children up through 5<sup>th</sup> grade may leave the Sanctuary at this time. Following worship, parents should pick up their child in room 6.*

THE FESTIVAL OF BANNERS

NICENE CREED

Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
**Refusing to let chaos become our dwelling place, God of the ages, you called forth creation. Whether in the blink of an eye, or in moments spanning thousands of years, deep valleys of hope were carved, carpeted with grace renewed each morning. You created humankind in your image, knowing us face to face in love. But we turned our gaze towards that land of temptation. Forgive us, we pray. Help us find the celebration in each Confession representing the best of our Reformed faith for 500 years of knowing your love, opposing false creeds, and seeking justice. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

APOSTLES’ CREED  
Hymn 481 Genevan 42  
“I Believe in God the Father”

SCOTS CONFESSIO  
Hymn 385 vs. 1, 3, 4 Old Hundredth  
“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM  
Hymn 275 vs. 1, 2, 4 Ein’ Feste Burg  
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

SECOND HELVETIC CONFESSIO  
Hymn 366 vs. 1, 2, 4 Hyfrydol  
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

WESTMINSTER CONFESSIO  
Hymn 826 vs. 1, 4 Crucifer  
“Lift High the Cross”

BARMEN DECLARATIO  
Hymn 309 vs. 1,3 Abbot’s Leigh  
“Come, Great God of All the Ages”

CONFESSIO OF 1967  
Hymn 12 vs. 1, 4 St. Denio  
“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

THE BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH  
Offertory Hal H. Hopson  
“Jubilate Deo”  
(Be Joyful You People)  
Sanctuary Choir  
Linda Young, Soprano

*Jubilate Deo!*  
*Be joyful you people, come now before the Lord with song.  
O enter the gates with singing, to God our praises belong.*

Know that the Lord is God, we are God’s own.  
We are God’s people, the sheep of God’s flock.  
God in great mercy attends all our days.  
Join hearts and voices to sing the Lord’s praise.

*Jubilate Deo!*  
\*Doxology Hymn 606 Old Hundredth  
**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.**