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MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Liliana Gonzales

CHIMING THE HOUR/TIME OF CENTERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God. Our hope is in Christ alone.
Christ has made God's grace known to us. We are saved by God's grace alone.
Christ's work, word, life, death, and resurrection attested to God's love for all.
We know all this as Christ is attested to through Scripture alone.
We see God's gift of faith come alive in the gospels.
For we are loosed to love this world by faith alone.
We know from Christ's own lips that we are to worship God and serve God only.
And so all we do will be to the glory of God alone.

*PRAYER FOR THE DAY - MARTIN LUTHER (1483-1546)

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith, strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God | No. 275

*A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.
Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.
And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.
That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.*

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION - CATHERINE PARR (1512-1548)

We are as diligent to relieve ourselves in your mercy, O God, as you have been to reveal yourself. For you, O God, would have mercy upon us all. For you have borne our sins in your body, upon the tree, that we should be delivered from sin and should live in righteousness, that by Christ's stripes we have been healed. Christ is our anchor. Christ is our Shepherd. In Christ we are made whole. In you, O God, we find our life, our redemption, our salvation, our bliss. Amen. (*A time for silent confession*)

POURING OF THE WATER

Because of the grace we receive in baptism, we have nothing to fear.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the words of the psalmist:

I waited patiently for the Lord; God inclined to me and heard my cry.

God drew me up from the pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. God put a new song in my mouth.

My friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me | No. 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
TEXT: Trad. Liturgical text; adapt. Paul M. Vasile, 2008
MUSIC: Paul M. Vasile, 2008
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CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

Come Down, Lord | Grace Choir

Words and Music by Stan Pethel

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION - ULRICH ZWINGLI (1484-1531)

Living God, by the power of your Spirit, help us so to hear your holy word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and believing, we may follow in faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-17

*HYMN

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art | No. 624

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,

my only trust and Savior of my heart,

Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art
TEXT: Psalms, Strasbourg, 1545
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551
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Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, reigning omnipotent in every place:

So come, O King, and our whole being sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the life, by which alone we live, and all our substance and our strength receive;

Sustain us by thy faith and by thy power, and give us strength in every trying hour.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness; no harshness hast thou and no bitterness.

O grant to us the grace we find in thee, that we may dwell in perfect unity.

Our hope is in no other save in thee; our faith is built upon thy promise free;

Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure, that in thy strength we evermore endure.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 11:32-44

SERMON

"Because God Can" | Rev. Mitch Miller

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - HEINRICH BULLINGER (1504-1575)

from *The Second Helvetic Confession*,

We teach and believe with the apostle [Paul] that sinful humans are justified by faith alone in Christ, not by the law or any works. This faith is a pure gift of God which God alone of God's grace gives...

This same apostle calls faith efficacious and active through love. It also quiets the conscience and opens a free access to God, so that we may draw near to God with confidence and may obtain from God what is useful and necessary. The same faith keeps us in the service we owe to God and our neighbor, strengthens our patience in adversity, fashions and makes a true confession, and in a word, brings forth good fruit of all kinds, and good works.

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Glory to God | pg. 35

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen

CALL TO GIVE, OFFERING & OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (OLD HUNDREDTH) | No. 606*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Our Lord Jesus Christ said to us, "The Harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few..."
We respond to your divine command, O Lord, and sincerely beseech you to richly bestow the Holy Spirit on these your servants and on all of us who are called to your ministry that we, with a great multitude, may be your evangelists. So may your name be hallowed, your kingdom come, and your will be done. Hear this our prayer through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns throughout eternity. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen | No. 536

Rise, O church, like Christ arisen, from this meal of love and grace;
May we through such love envision
whose we are, and whose, our praise.
Alleluia, alleluia: God, the wonder of our days.

Rise, transformed, and choose to follow after Christ, though wounded, whole;
Broken, shared, our lives are hallowed
to release and to console.

Alleluia, alleluia: Christ, our present, past, and goal.

Rise, remember well the future God has called us to receive;

Present by God's loving nurture,

Spirited then let us live.

Alleluia, alleluia: Spirit, grace by whom we live.

Service be our sure vocation; courage be our daily breath;

Mercy be our destination

from this day and unto death.

Alleluia, alleluia. Rise, O church, a living faith.

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen
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*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

OCT 26 - NOV 2

Event & Celebrations

SUN 26		MON 27	TUE 28
REFORMATION SUNDAY Sunday Worship, 10:00AM Fellowship, 11:00AM Recital, 2:30PM NA of EP, 3:00PM		Yoga, 2:00PM SYNOD (at Abara 1820 W. Paisano)	GraceB4Work, 7:00AM SYNOD (at 1st Pres. 1340 Murchison)
WED 29	SAT 31	SUN 02	
SYNOD (Walk to Juarez, Holocaust Museum Visit, Project Vida Tour) Trunk-Or-Treat, 6:00PM BIRTHDAY—Bonnie Pyke	BIRTHDAY Emmalee Burr	Communion Sunday Worship, 10:00AM Thanksgiving Potluck , 11:00AM NA of EP, 3:00PM	

If you're interested in attending any of the SYNOD activities, please contact Rev. Marta Pumroy for times and exact locations at marta.pumroy@tresriosborderfoundation.org

Prayers & Concerns

Mary & Mark Dunn	Zoomer Roberts	Pat Bryant	Bob Hedicke
Mildred Helm	Ann Patrick	Pete McMillan	Mary Province

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Pastor — Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith
Music Director—Brittney Williams
Additional Accompaniment—Bill Rose

Guest Preacher—Rev. Mitch Miller
Accompanist/Pianist—Patricia Provencio
Technology—Angel Martinez, Bob Jones & Jim Collins

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