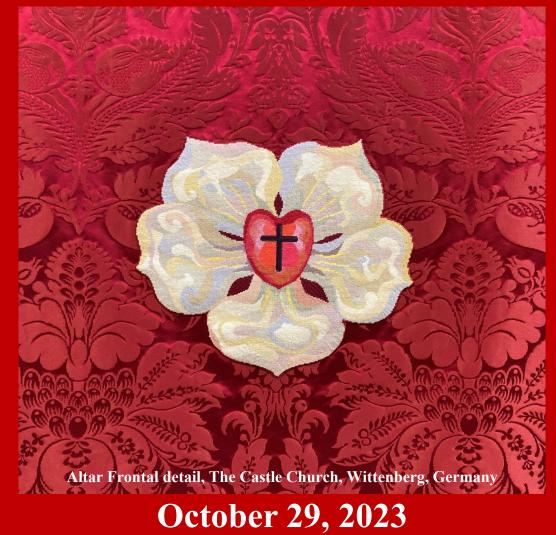
REFORMATION SUNDAY RITE OF CONFIRMATION



Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship, witness, and mission.

We celebrate Christ's presence in the Sacrament of the Table each week at Peace. Christ, our Host, meets us in this meal of grace and offers himself, fully embodied, in the bread and wine. He invites all to come and meet him in this Holy Meal.

+ GATHERING +

P – Presider C – Congregation L - Lector A – Assisting Minister ELW – Evangelical Lutheran Worship ACS – All Creation Sings

PRELUDE

Du bist bei mir

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW #504



GREETING

- P The abounding grace of Jesus Christ, the steadfast love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

KYRIE Refrain	ELW page 184
Ky-ri-e e-lei - son, on our world and on our way.	
Ky-ri-e e-lei - son, ev-'ry day.	
1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for th 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to th 3 For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for	ie
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in th	
u - ni - ty of all; for hun - gry and the poor; that friends and fam - i - ly; for	
wa - ter and the word; that you	=
this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise, we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace, life and for love, for our work and our play,	
nour-ish our souls with your bod - y and blood, <i>Ref</i>	frain
let us pray to the Lord. let us pray to the Lord.	

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on all your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in your word, protect and comfort us in times of trial, defend us against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

+ WORD +

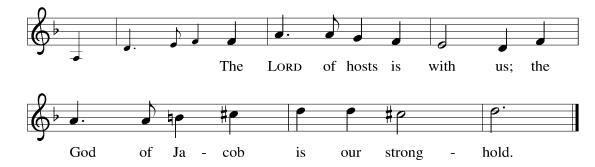
FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy. The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin.

David Wold

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,^{*} says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L The Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.



PSALM 46 The congregation joins on each refrain.

Verse 1-3 God is our refuge & strength...tremble with its tumult... **Refrain** Verse 4-6 There is a river...and the earth melts away... **Refrain** Verse 7-9 The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge... Verse 10 Solo **Perform**

Verse 10 Solo ... Refrain

Verse 11 The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Refrain

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and the other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L The Word of the Lord.

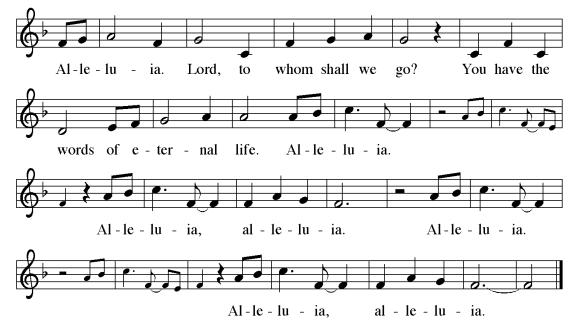
C Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"The Lord Is My Light"

Mark Patterson

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Please rise in body or spirit to receive the gospel ELW page 188



P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from all that would bind them.

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.' ³³They answered him, 'We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, "You will be made free"?'

Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

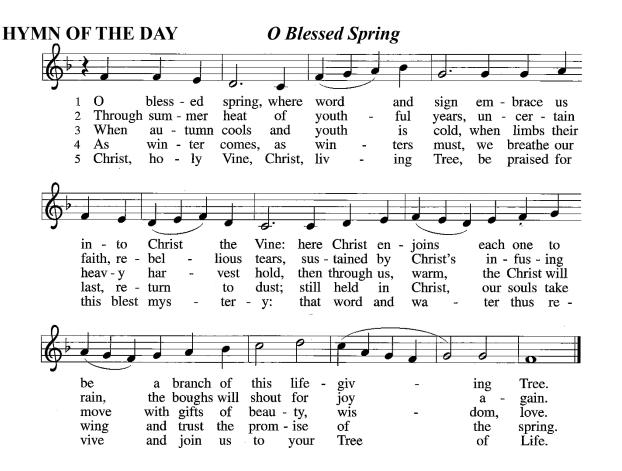
- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Erik

SERMON

Rev. Erik Kindem & Nicole Klinemeier



ELW #447

+ RITE OF CONFIRMATION + Affirmation of Baptism

The candidates come forward and take their places.

P Family and friends, sisters and brothers in Christ, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *Jesse, Naomi, Austin, Natalie, and Will*, one with us in the body of Christ, who today are making public affirmation of their baptism.

The candidates introduce themselves and share their confirmation verse.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

- P Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.
- C Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH Nicole Klinemeier addresses the candidates:

When you were baptized, God's NO became your NO, and God's YES became your YES. As you publicly affirm your baptism today, we ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **Confirmands:** I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God, **Confirmands:** I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **Confirmands:** I renounce them.

The whole assembly rises and joins with the confirmands in confessing the Apostles' Creed. People of God, do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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 into hell.

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 again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

The assembly is seated.

AFFIRMATION OF PROMISES/PRACTICES

- P Sisters and brothers, you have made public profession of your faith.Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:
 - To *live* among God's faithful people,
 - To *hear* the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
 - To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
 - To serve all people and all creation, following the example of Jesus,
 - And to *strive* for justice and peace in all the earth?

If so, then answer: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Each confirmand responds in turn.

Confirmand: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

- P People of God, do you promise to support these young people and to pray for them in their life in Christ?
- C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

The candidates kneel. Family members, baptismal sponsors, mentors, and other members of the assembly are invited to come forward to lay on hands. Each confirmand receives the prayer of blessing separately.

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in <u>Name</u> the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his/her faith, guide his/her life, empower him/her in serving, give him/her patience in suffering, and bring him/her to everlasting life.

C Amen.

Confirmands stand and face the congregation.

- P Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.
- C We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world!

RESPONSE HYMN

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

ELW #659, vs. 1-3

Heidi Eilers

- 1. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
- 2. We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long the hear.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Petitions are offered that end with:

- A God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.

When all petitions have been offered:

- P Gracious God, into your hand we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

We share a gesture of peace with our neighbors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Your financial gifts today support the ongoing ministry of our congregation, cooperative ventures of ELCA congregations throughout Western Washington, and Evangelical Lutheran ministries around the world. We invite you to give generously! You can place your gift in the offering plate, mail in a check, or connect to our secure <u>Tithely Giving Page</u> via this QR CODE. Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!





OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray. God of power, God of plenty,
- C all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved—Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts!
- C We lift them to the Lord!
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, O God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so with earth and sea and all their creatures, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P We praise you, all-holy God, our maker, our lover, our keeper, for the universe beyond our knowing, for seas and forests and fields, for creatures seen and unseen, and for the places we humans call home.
- C We praise you for your covenant people: Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam, Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul, and all your faithful witnesses through the ages.
- P Most of all, we praise you for Jesus Christ, your Word become flesh, who, on the night before he died, took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
- C Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
- C 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.

- P And so we remember your Word, Jesus Christ, his life, his death, and his glorious resurrection, and his presence in this meal around the world, and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:
- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P We pray, O God, for your Spirit—your Breath, your Fire, your Wisdom to bless this meal and all those who share it; today, tomorrow, and forever.
- C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (ecumenical)

- P Gathered as one, we pray as Jesus taught us:
- C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

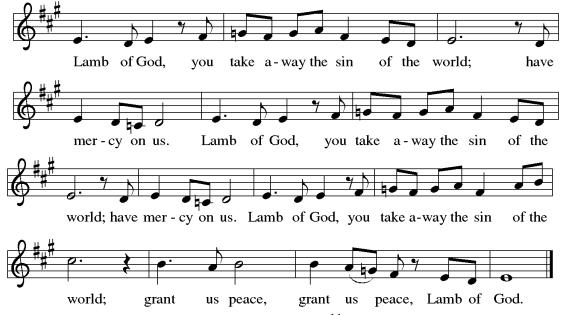
- P Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.
- C Thanks be to God!

DISTRIBUTION

We commune processionally. Extend your hands to receive bread. A gluten free wafer is also available. Both wine (dark) and grape juice (light) are available in ceramic cups. Place your empty cup in the box at the end of the front pew on your way back. Children are welcome to receive when their parents believe they are ready, with the support of the pastor. Any who prefer a blessing may cross their hands over their chest as they come forward.

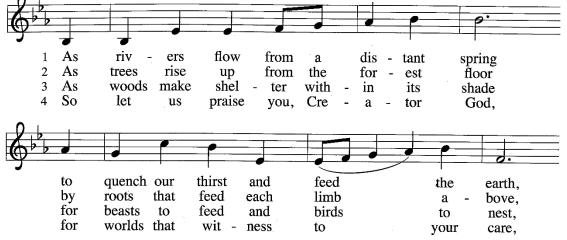
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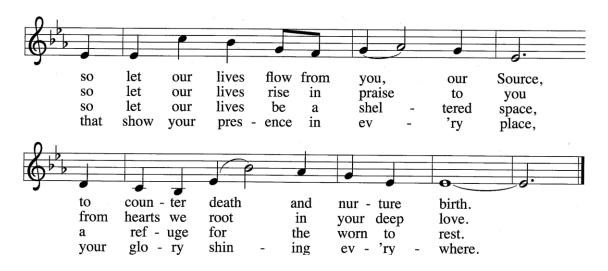
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.
- C Amen.

+ SENDING +

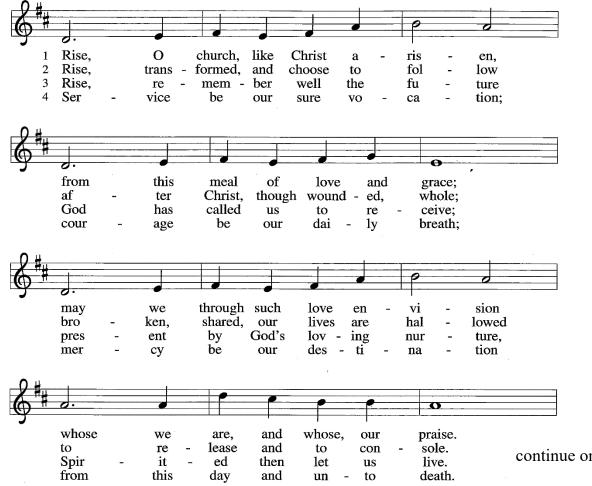
BLESSING

- P The Triune God, Creator, + Redeemer, and Guide, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.

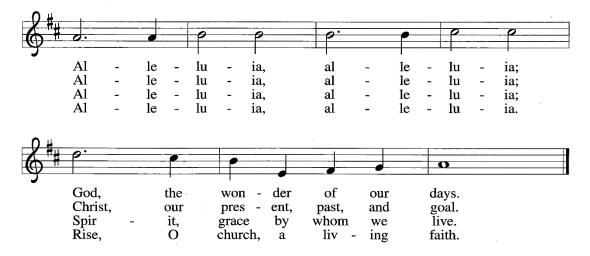
SENDING HYMN

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

ELW #548



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- A Go in peace. God is at work in you.
- C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

Johann Krieger

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RECEPTION FOR OUR CONFIRMANDS

The Reception for our five Confirmands will take place in the Fellowship Hall downstairs immediately following the service. *Come join in supporting our young people in this significant milestone of their faith journey! Jesse Dabbs, Naomi Kindem, Austin Simmons, Natalie Toso, Will Ward.*

TODAY'S BULLETIN COVER ART

The photo detail of the *altar frontal* or *antependium* is from the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germ., where Luther posted his 95 Theses in 1517, igniting the Reformation. It was taken by Pastor Erik on Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023, while on sabbatical. It shows as central motif the Luther rose and was created by Danish Queen Margrethe II for the reopening of the Castle Church in October 2016 after four years of restoration.

OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Keep your eyes on your mailbox this coming week for a letter from the Church Council with a Financial Stewardship update, mailed along with 3rd quarter giving statements.

Our mission goal for 2023 anticipates receiving offering income of \$25,819 each month.

Offering Income received October 2023

Total	\$14,939.52
Electronic	<u>\$ 8,427.52</u>
10/22/23	\$ 1,995.00
10/15/23	\$ 645.00
10/08/23	\$ 2,792.00
10/01/23	\$ 1,080.00

Thank you for your gifts which support God's mission at Peace, in the larger community, and internationally through the ELCA.

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Vegetarian Awareness Month ends Wednesday with Vegan Awareness Day. Challenge yourself to skip dairy along with meat for Monday's meal! Start simply with GuideToVegan's 75 Easy Vegan Recipes for Beginners at <u>https://guidetovegan.com/easy-vegan-recipes/</u>. Or dive right in with Epicurious Magazine's mouth-watering vegan recipes, including tempting treats. Find all 103 recipes

at https://www.epicurious.com/recipes-menus/vegan-recipes-gallery. Cook for Creation!

Pray for Creation: We ask God to challenge us to engage in individual and community actions that help to preserve the Earth for future generations.

SEATTLE FOREST WEEK 10/28-11/4

October 28 – November 4 marks <u>Seattle Forest Week</u> this year and we are so excited to share the love for and efforts to restore our urban forests. Please take time to check out the fun and interesting events that lead up to one of our favorite planting events of the year, <u>Green Seattle Day</u>!

We love community and however you wish to experience nature, please feel welcome to share that connection with us or any of the <u>amazing organizations and community groups</u> across Seattle. No experience needed. Snacks and really big smiles provided.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: Sick/Recovering: Kathy Anderson; Barbara Brocker; Mary Brocker; Colleen; Melanie Coulson; Heidi Coy; Marsha Davis; Laura Dwyer; Ruth Eilers; Joe Flint; Marge Flint; Caity Gerhardt; Sandy Goodale; Dawn Gringorten; Dave Hemme; Mary Jacob; Ken Keyes; Dee Levy; Dorothy Linnell; Evelyn Martinez; Eddie McDaniel; Chloe McDonough; Eric, Erin, Finley McDonough; Pete McIntyre; Ken McPherson; Erin McPherson; Steve Metzler; Bill Morrell; Penelope Grace; Michelle Pierce; Irma Runge; David Salazar; JoAnne Spangler; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Judy Wiggins; David Wold; Patti Wunder. **Homebound**: Jim Baker; Connie Benjamin; Lee Lamson; Jan Madsen

We express our Christian sympathy to Betty Beller after the death of her husband Thomas on 10/9.

<u>PROTOCOL FOR PRAYER LIST</u> We will keep people on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise specified or unless you contact the Peace office to extend the time.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, in a world that can be filled with alienation and



brokenness. In faithfulness to the Gospel and to our Lutheran heritage, we answer Christ's call to be agents of healing and safety, particularly for people who have been marginalized by our society. As a Christian community, we invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities into the life and mission of our congregation.

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