

October 28, 2018 – 10:00 am
Reformation Sunday

**ST. JOHN UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Our mission is to worship and serve God
in our church, community, and the world.



Open our eyes, Lord.
We are an Open and Affirming congregation,
where all are welcome.

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Please respond with words in **bold** print.
*Please stand if comfortably able

- WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.
- THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY.
- LITURGY WRITTEN BY THE REV. BONNIE TARWATER

PRELUDE: “Open Our Eyes with Be Thou My Vision” Hayes

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Jeremiah 31: 7-9)

One: Sing aloud with gladness:

Many: God is gathering the people!

One: From the farthest parts of the earth we come:

Many: All who struggle; all who labor with new life!

One: Those who are weeping, God will console;

Many: Those who get lost find a clear path home.

ALL: Let us worship the God who gathers us!

***OPENING HYMN: NCH 439**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

Ever-calling God, we give thanks that you have gathered us into your church and graced us with your faithful presence.

We ponder our history, ancient and still developing, and marvel at the many expressions of your church. Grant us the vision to be a part of a new reformation for the Church that will bring ever more joy and justice to the world.

Continue to gather us, the diverse lot of us, into Jesus’ vision and dream that your faithful people may be one in you. Amen

***TRINITARIAN ACCLAMATION:**

***GLORIA: NCH 759**

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,
Three-in-One; As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**SECOND TESTAMENT READING: Hebrews 7:23-28
Lay Liturgist**

PSALM RESPONSE: Psalm 34:1-8, NCH Page 644

CHOIR ANTHEM: "That's Why We Praise Him"

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

***GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 10:46-52**

SERMON: "Can we open our eyes to open our vision?"

***HYMN OF RESPONSE: NCH 551**

"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

PASTORAL PRAYER: Beginning with Silent Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed it be your
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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE: NCH 775 "Eagles Wings"

**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,**

**make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES:

OFFERTORY: "A Song of Trust" Bertha R. Frick

***DOXOLOGY: NCH 780**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above you, heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**Reform our lives, O God, and let these gifts
change the world into which we send them. Take them
and multiply them to be a blessing of justice and peace
in the world you love! Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN: NCH 403**

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

***BENEDICTION:**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE: NCH 75 Verse 1**

Lord, make me more holy.

Lord, make me more holy.

Lord, make me more holy, until we meet again.

Holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.

POSTLUDE: "Onward Christian Soldiers" Lani Smith