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Reformation Sunday

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.

All points marked \* those who are able are invited to stand.)

## Approach

Gathering Song VU #365 – “*Jesus Loves Me*”

Call to Worship

One: “Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times.” (Martin Luther)

**All: We are here to worship the God who gave Luther courage and confidence so long ago.**

One: “People must have righteous principles in the first, and then they will not fail to perform virtuous actions.” (Martin Luther)

**All: We are compelled by the seed of faith deep inside us to peace, justice, mercy and so much more. Let us worship!**

\* Hymn VU #402 – “*We Are One*” (verses 1, 2 and 4)

Prayer of Approach and Confession

**We all know, Wise One, that to live in this glorious Creation requires more than treading water. We look to you for reasons to get up excited every morning. We await your Spirit to fire us with passion and purpose. We burst into the world motivated by faith and call to discover and heal and transform. With thanks we celebrate that you are the source of all that drives us. You are at the core of our beliefs and values. You inspire our learning, wisdom and work. You provide the fuel that brings meaning to our days. Please understand us on those times when we feel tired and overwhelmed, discouraged and even angry and threaten to give in. Remind us that the important values and accomplishments of life take energy and commitment. Help us be sure that you are at the heart of everything that matter to us. We pray in Christ’s name. AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Time / The Lord’s Prayer

\* Hymn VU #326 – “*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*”

## The Word

📖 Scripture Readings – Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Meditation – “What drives you?”

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – “All I Have”

## The Response

Announcements / Minute Person – Doug Waldron

\* Offering / Response (VU #537)

**Your work O God, needs many hands  
To help you everywhere,  
And some there are who cannot serve  
Unless our gifts we share.**

Pastoral Prayer

\* Hymn VU #506 – “*Take My Life and Let It Be*”

Benediction / Response (MV #222)

**May the peace of God be your peace.  
May the love of God be the love you show.  
May the joy of God be the joy you know,  
May the world that God would see  
Be found in you.**

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Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister  
Luci Toews, Church Administrator  
Myrna Hagues, Organist  
Douglas Gauthier & Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care Givers  
Gwen Polak, Liturgist

Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister  
Laura Steidl, Music Director  
Gina Grant, Custodian

Ushers: Joy & Larry Valka  
Greeters: Jim & Lois Trevers