

SECOND REFORMED CHURCH



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 2026 - 9:45 am

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

“Great Is the Lord”

by Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

*SONG OF WORSHIP

#31 “I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who is ever-present with us and all around us—

in lofty skies and flowing seas, in fruited trees and sprawling fields,

in neighbors near and known and far and unfamiliar.

We confess that even in the midst of your expansiveness,

we have too often turned inward,

prioritizing our own preferences

and tending to our own comfort

while the needs of our near and far neighbors

go unintentionally ignored or purposefully brushed aside.

We have settled for scarcity, fear, and self-preservation

when you call us toward lives rooted

in generosity, justice, and shared flourishing.

Forgive us, O God, and help us to consider our ways.

Please use this period of silence for personal reflection.

Give us courage, O God,

to rebuild what has been neglected.

Give us courage, O God,

to repair what has been broken.

Give us courage, O God,

to join our hands with others in this good work.

May your Spirit stir us from complacency into action,

reminding us that your presence goes with us

as we work for a world where all can flourish.

In Jesus' name, we pray . . . amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Through the ancient words of the prophet Haggai,
we hear these words from our good God:

Take courage.

And this promise:

I am with you.

With this reminder:

My Spirit abides in you; do not fear.

These words speak to us anew.

With courage, we confess.

In Jesus, we are forgiven and find peace.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Congregation, bless your children.

You are God's beloved child. With you, God is well pleased.

*SONG OF PREPARATION

"Ancient Words"

SCRIPTURE & SERMON

Haggai 1:1-15a

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING

#147 "Praise God from Whom..."

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Tithes/offerings placed in the baskets at the entrance of the sanctuary are brought forward as a sign of our response to God's call on our lives.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF CONSISTORY LEADERS

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

**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 to the dead.
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 to judge the living and the dead.**

**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. Amen.**

*CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT

Community of Second Reformed Church, please rise to affirm your covenant with the elders and deacons whom God has given us.

Do you receive these deacons and elders as duly elected and ordained servants of Christ?

We do.

Do you promise to respect them for the sake of the offices for which they have been chosen and ordained?

We do.

Do you promise to pray for them, to partner with them in living out God's unique purposes for this congregation through worship, care, and service, and to seek the things that make for unity, integrity, and peace?

We do.

Today, we receive Larry and Trixanna as installed elders and Kathy and Jordan as installed deacons, and we commit our loving support to their work here at Second Reformed Church.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**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.**

*SONG OF RESPONSE

"All Are Welcome/Let Us Build"

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG

"My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"

*The congregation is invited to stand and turn toward the center aisle,
blessing one another in song.*

**My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of our Lord, and Savior.
My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.**

*POSTLUDE

"We Magnify Our Father God"
By John W. Peterson

31 I Sing the Almighty Power of God

N.C. $\frac{A\flat}{C}$ Fm Eb A $\flat$ D $\flat$ $\frac{A\flat}{C}$ D $\flat$ Eb A $\flat$

1 I sing the al-might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes your glo - ries known;

N.C. $\frac{A\flat}{C}$ Fm Eb A $\flat$ D $\flat$ Fm Eb sus Eb A $\flat$

that spread the flow-ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies.
 he formed the crea-tures with his word and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a - rise and tem-pests blow by or - der from your throne;

A $\flat$ $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ A $\flat$ D $\flat$ Eb A $\flat$ $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ A $\flat$ D $\flat$ Eb

I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how your won-ders are dis-played wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor-rows life from you is ev - er in your care,

N.C. $\frac{A\flat}{C}$ Fm Eb A $\flat$ D $\flat$ Fm Eb sus Eb A $\flat$

the moon shines full at his com-mand and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery - where that I may be, you, God, are pres-ent there.

Ancient Words

F B $\flat$ C

1 Ho - ly words long pre-served for our walk in this world, they re -
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope. In this

2 Ho - ly words of our faith hand-ed down to this age came to
Ho - ly words long pre-served for our walk in this world, they re -

Dm C F B $\flat$ F/C C 1,3 F D.C.

sound with God's own heart, O let the an - cient words im-part.
world wher - e'er we roam 7 an-cient words will guide us

us through sac - ri - fice. O heed the faith - ful words of Christ.
sound with God's own heart. O let the an - cient words im -

2,4 F Refrain C Gm F

home.

An - cient words, ev-er true, chang-ing me and chang-ing
part.

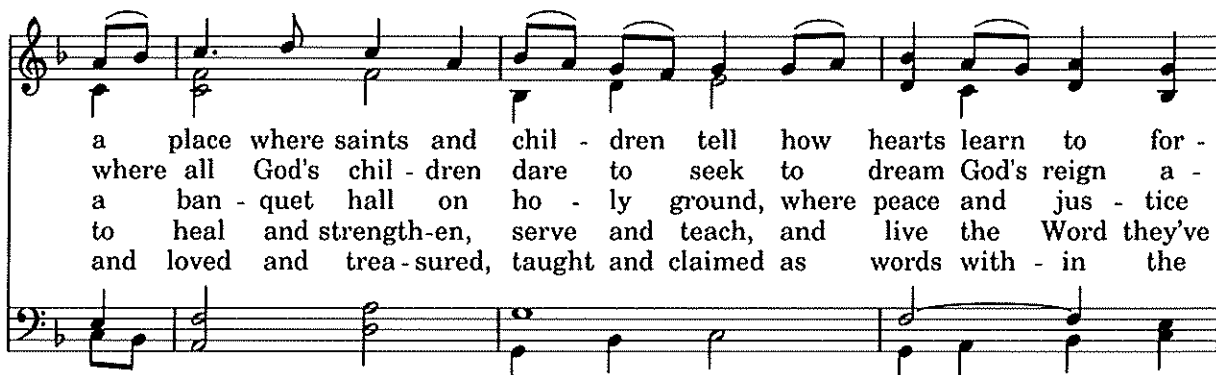
B $\flat$ C Dm C F B $\flat$ F/C C F

you. We have come with o - pen hearts, O let the an - cient words im - part.

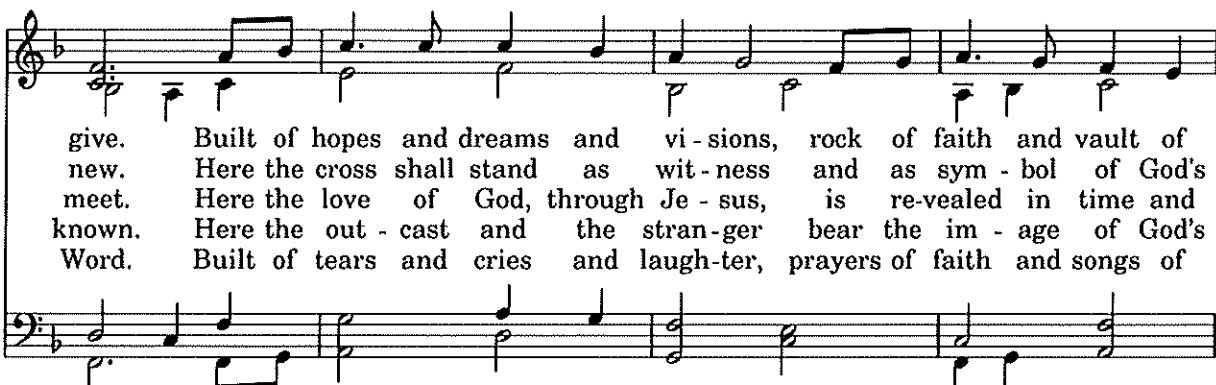
All Are Welcome/Let Us Build



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly live,
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are strong and true,
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine, and wheat:
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and stone
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions heard



a place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for -
 where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to dream God's reign a -
 a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice
 to heal and strength-en, serve and teach, and live the Word they've
 and loved and trea-sured, taught and claimed as words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re-vealed in time and
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran-ger bear the im - age of God's
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of



Refrain
 grace; here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 space, as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are welcome, all are welcome,
 face; let us bring an end to fear and dan-ger:
 grace, let this house proclaim from floor to raf - ter:



(Fine) To stanzas
 all are wel-come in this place.