

# *Abiding Peace* LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Morning — 10:00 — October 25, 2020  
Reformation Sunday

## **Welcome to Abiding Peace Lutheran Church**

Abiding Peace Lutheran Church makes Christ known by welcoming all people to a supportive and accepting place to grow in faith and community and to serve the Lord as people created by God, saved by Christ and nurtured by the Holy Spirit.

This welcome extends beyond all physical spaces and gatherings to include our trust that God's Spirit gathers us in virtual worship, and sends us to share God's message of love and hope even within the restrictions of social distancing.

The ministry of Abiding Peace continues to be supported by the generous support of our community. While we worship remotely, please consider contributing to our work through a variety of giving options, including donations through Venmo (search for @Abiding-Peace-BuddLake), through on-line bill pay with your bank, or by mailing your offering envelope to the church.

**Sunday Morning— 10:00 — October 25, 2020**  
**Reformation Sunday**

*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 of God's grace, 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 and mission.*

**Prelude:** *Prelude on EIN FESTE BURG*  
*by Martin Luther, arr. Samuel Scheidt*

## **GATHERING**

### **Welcome**

*You are encouraged to prepare a small bowl or glass of water so that you may dip your fingers in the water and make the sign of the cross as you participate in the prayer of confession. You may also wish to light a candle at the beginning of the liturgy, to remind you of Christ's presence gathered with you in your worship.*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.  
C **Amen**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

P Faithful God,  
C **have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.  
C **Amen**

**Opening Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**



A might - y for - tress is \_\_\_\_\_ our  
 No strength of ours can match \_\_\_\_\_ his  
 Though hordes of dev - ils fill \_\_\_\_\_ the  
 God's Word for - ev - er shall \_\_\_\_\_ a -



God, a sword and shield vic - to - rious;  
 might! We would be lost, re - ject - ed.  
 land all threat - 'ning to de - vour \_\_\_\_\_ us,  
 bide, no thanks to foes, who fear \_\_\_\_\_ it;



he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod  
 But now a cham - pion comes \_\_\_\_\_ to fight,  
 we trem - ble not, un - moved \_\_\_\_\_ we stand;  
 for God him - self fights by \_\_\_\_\_ our side

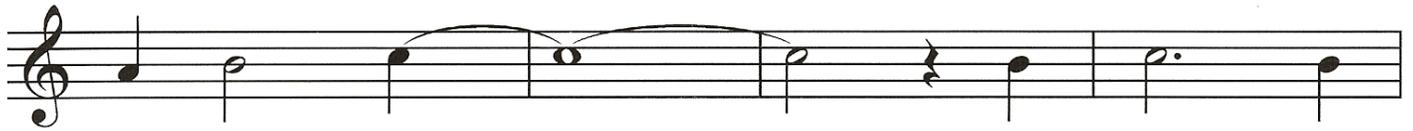


and wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The  
 whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You  
 they can - not o - ver - pow'r \_\_\_\_\_ us. Let  
 with weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were

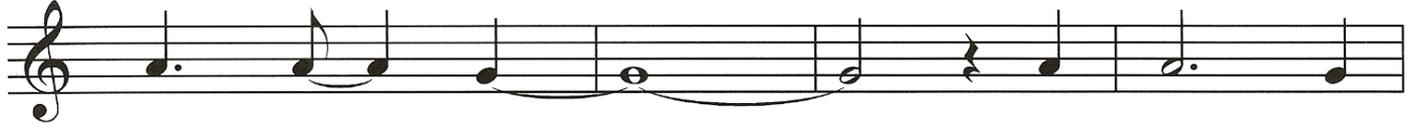


old sa - ta - nic \_\_\_\_\_ foe \_\_\_\_\_ has sworn to  
 ask who this may \_\_\_\_\_ be? \_\_\_\_\_ The Lord of  
 this world's ty - rant \_\_\_\_\_ rage; \_\_\_\_\_ in bat - tle  
 they to take our \_\_\_\_\_ house, \_\_\_\_\_ goods, hon - or,

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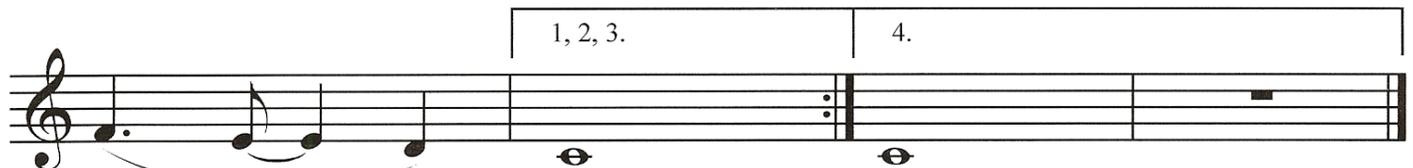
work us woe! \_\_\_\_\_ With craft and  
 hosts is he! \_\_\_\_\_ Christ Je - sus,  
 we'll en - gage! \_\_\_\_\_ His might is  
 child, or spouse, \_\_\_\_\_ though life be



dread - ful \_\_\_\_\_ might \_\_\_\_\_ he arms him -  
 might - y \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ God's on - ly  
 doomed to \_\_\_\_\_ fail; \_\_\_\_\_ God's judg - ment  
 wrenched a - way, \_\_\_\_\_ they can - not



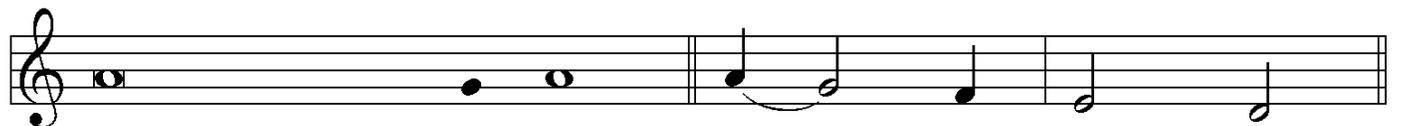
self to \_\_\_\_\_ fight. \_\_\_\_\_ On earth \_\_\_\_\_ he has no  
 son, a - dored. \_\_\_\_\_ He holds \_\_\_\_\_ the field vic -  
 must pre - vail! \_\_\_\_\_ One lit - tle word sub -  
 win the \_\_\_\_\_ day. \_\_\_\_\_ The king - dom's ours for -



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 to - - - rious.  
 dues \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
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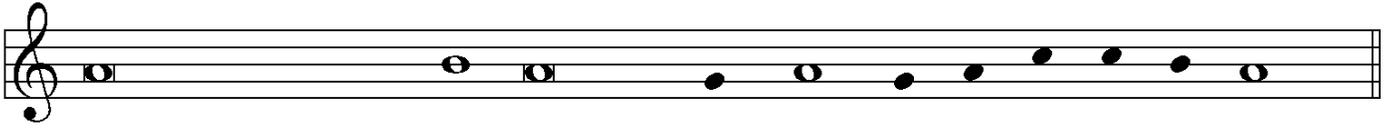
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
 C **And also with you.**

**Kyrie**



**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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**A** For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



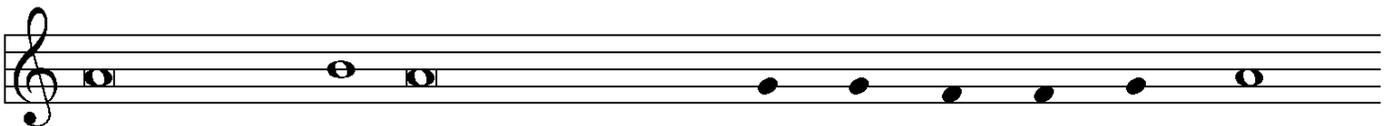
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



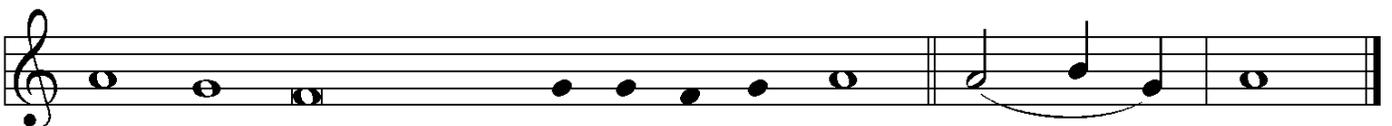
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

## Hymn of Praise



**A** Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav- en- ly king, al- might- y God and Fa - ther:



We wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



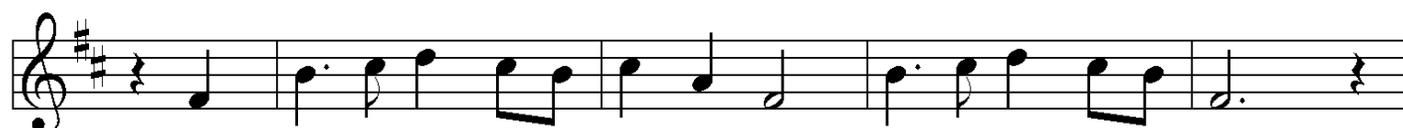
Lord Je- sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a- way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther; re- ceive our prayer.



For you a- lone are the Ho - ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,



you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir- it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa- ther. A - men

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord,

C **we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them 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. Amen.**

## WORD

### 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 (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.*

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. It 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. But 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. No 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.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 46 (chanted in unison)



- <sup>1</sup>God is our ref- | uge and strength,  
a very present | help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;
- <sup>3</sup>though its waters | rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
- <sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,  
the holy habitation of | the Most High.
- <sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the | break of day.
- <sup>6</sup>The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth | melts away.
- <sup>7</sup>The Lord of | hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
- <sup>8</sup>Come now, regard the works | of the Lord,  
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;
- <sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.
- <sup>10</sup>“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”
- <sup>11</sup>The Lord of | hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

## Romans 3:19-28

*Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and 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.*

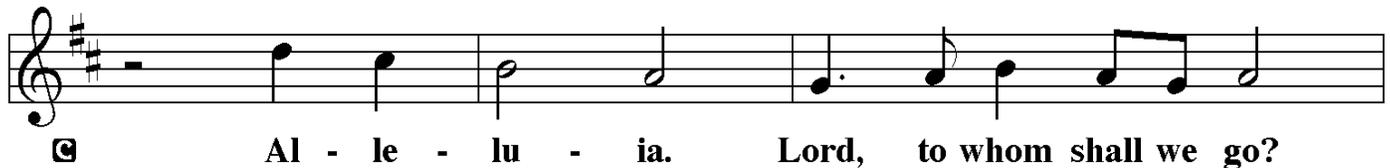
Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom 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; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## 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 sin.*

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They 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. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Reformation Proclamation: *The Lord's Players*

### Hymn of the Day: *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

*ELW Hymn: 517*



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.  
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
and lead us out of death to life.

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## The Apostles' Creed

**C 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.**

## The Prayers of the Church

A With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*(A brief silence)*

A God of Reformation and Grace, renew and inspire the church in the freedom of the gospel, O God. Where the church is in error, reform it. Where the church speaks your truth, strengthen it. Where the church is divided, unify it in service to your truth. Ignite in us the working of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**

A As the earth changes, as mountains shake and the waters roar, may we care for this planet as a holy habitation for all living things. Sustain all peoples and lands recovering from natural disasters of any kind. Lord, in your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**

A Guide areas of the world divided or traumatized by conflict. In the United States, heal the wounds of divisiveness, distrust, and extremism. In Nigeria, bring peace and justice out of chaos and violence. In all countries, free those in captivity through slavery and human trafficking, and protect all in harm's way. Lord, in your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**

A Release those living in bondage to debts, chronic pain, or addiction. Grant healing touch to those who are ill. We pray for those who are mourning and for all on our prayer list, including Mardy, Sharon, Juli, Judy, Tamsin, Don, Sandy, Phillip, Jim, Pat, Eleonor, David, Megan, Gillian, Eastlyn, Skip, and Peter. Hold them in your care. *(Pause for a moment.)* We pray for all in harm's way, including essential workers, our armed forces, and all serving overseas. Lord, in your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**

A In this family of faith we give thanks for courageous voices that have remained firm in their commitment to the one who frees us from sin and death. Centered in your grace, unify us in the hope of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**

A Even in death, you free us and give us a place in your house. We give thanks for our ancestors who have shown us truth and freedom, especially Martin Luther and those who work for the renewal of the church. Lord, in your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**

A Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
C **Amen**

## THANKSGIVING

### Sharing of the Peace

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

*Let us greet each other with the peace of Christ by typing in the comments, because God can speak through many means of communication.*

## Prayer for Spiritual Communion

P God of Grace,

C we long to be fed with the food beyond compare that unites us with Christ. While we cannot, today, receive the sacrament of your body and blood, unite us spiritually with you through the power of your grace. Send us out, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved world, to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of Jesus Christ + and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

## Thanksgiving for the Word

P God of wisdom, throughout human history and today among us here, you call us to walk the paths of justice and peace. We praise you, O God of truth, for your precious words. Teach us to shelter under their richness as under the tree of life. May we be guided to live in gratitude and faithfulness, through Jesus Christ, your Word and our Wisdom, now and forever.

C Amen

P Jesus, give us faith to pray,

C 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

# SENDING

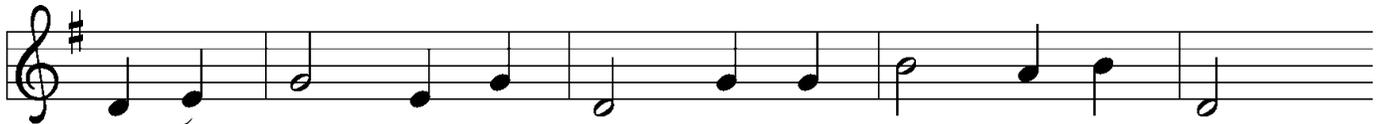
## Benediction

P Mothering God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.  
C Amen

## Announcements

Closing Hymn: *How Firm a Foundation*

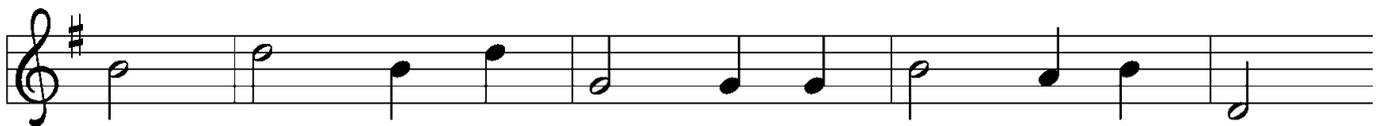
ELW Hymn: 796



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

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P Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *Confidence*  
*by Felix Mendelssohn*

## ✠ Serving in Worship

	Today (10/25)	Next Week (11/1)
Altar Guild	Demetria Laird	Sibylle Schroeder
Bread Baker	None	None
Reader	Jeanne Scalora	TBD
Assistant Minister	Jackie King	TBD
Movement Minister	Robert Bowden	Mary Kasakove
Usher	None	TBD
Soloist	None	TBD
Livestream Assistant	Tyler Rice	Tyler Rice

### Next Week's Lessons:

Revelation 7:9-17  
 Psalm 34:1-10, 22  
 1 John 3:1-3  
 Matthew 5:1-12

### Office Hours:

The church office does not have regular open hours at this point. Please see below for details.

**Keep These Friends in Your Prayers:** *Those who are sick or in need:* Sharon Puglia, Juli Pullara, Judy Wayman, Tamsin Skeels, Don Larsen, Sandy Olson, Col. Phillip E. Miller, Jim Kosiorek, Pat Linn, Eleonor Braun, David Coyne, Megan McGuire, Gillian George, Eastlyn Rodriguez, Richard Biunno, Gertrude Price, Isabella Adams, Laura Dennis, Michael, Rachel and Cora Pawlo, Gayle Pinkham, Sophia Hawthorne, Kacie Schmidt, Gregg Clark, Susan Jacob, Luke Mueller, Lynn Peterson's family and friends, Alexandra Heinz, Chris Mastakas, Pat & Jeanne Scalora, Robert Buckley, The Canon family, Howard Gentler, Cindy Behler, Elisabeth and Otto Schroeder, Jim Tangen, Amelia Krusch, James Ehrke, Jennifer Van Doran, John Brun, Michelle Kamin, Roslyn & Kerry Winfield, Chris Killian, Margret Zwicker, Amy Orama, Nalina (Sheeba's mom), Lauren Francis, Jackie King, Aimee (Heather's sister), Lindsey Caruso, Lora Gordan, Eric (Hildegard's grandson), Mardy Nersesin, Skip Kaub, Peter Block

*Those who are expecting:* Kimberly Defreitas

*Those in mourning:* Those mourning Henry Hill, The Bowden and Schroeder families on the death of Evelyn Bowden, The Jaeger family, those mourning John Bohmke, The Schwier family on the death of Elsa Platt, Marja-Liisa Apgar, the Linderman family, the Ashu family, The Kildea family, those mourning Herman Cain, The Woodard family, those mourning John Lewis, the families of Nilsen and Degraw/Wilman, the family and friends of Donna Woody, those mourning the death of Michael Krush, the McCabe family, Linda Tubelis (on the death of her husband, Oto), Those mourning the death of Christy Kakassy

### Announcements:

~ **Church office hours:** During the Pandemic, the church is not maintaining regular staff time in the office. Pastor Serena is available for pastoral care by phone, zoom or other means. If you have a pastoral need at any time, please reach out to her by e-mail, phone, or text. Food pantry donations and collections are being coordinated by Sibylle Schroeder. Other lay leaders are in the office at times during the week, helping with bulletins, altar guild, and other tasks. If you have a need to access the church building, please contact Pastor Serena.

~ **Food Pantry Needs for October:** Parmalat Milk, Bread, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Vegetables, Soup, Spaghetti Sauce

~ **Want to help your neighbors in practical ways?** If you are able to do shopping/pharmacy runs for sequestered members of the church or Mt. Olive Manor, contact the church office. We can let you know when someone needs assistance.

### **This Week at Abiding Peace**

- Sunday, 10/25**
- REFORMATION SUNDAY
  - Webcast Worship, 10:00 am
  - What is the Bible and How should we read It, 11:15 am
- Monday, 10/26**
- “Sunday” School Zoom, 5:45 pm
- Wednesday, 10/28**
- AA Meeting, 6:30 pm
  - Story Telling Hour: Share an experience that took your breath away, 7:30 pm
- Thursday, 10/29**
- Bible Study with Redeemer (fellowship time at 11:30 am), 12:00 pm
- Friday, 10/30**
- NA Meeting, Cancelled
- Saturday, 10/31**
- NA Meeting, 8:00 pm

### **Next Week at Abiding Peace**

- Sunday, 11/1**
- ALL SAINTS DAY
  - Webcast Worship, 10:00 am or In-person
  - In-Person worship (outdoors), 12:00 pm
- Monday, 11/2**
- “Sunday” School Zoom, 5:45 pm
- Tuesday, 11/3**
- Faith Kitchen, 9:00 am
- Wednesday, 11/4**
- AA Meeting, 6:30 pm
  - Story Telling Hour to Post-election Service of Unity, 7:30 pm
- Thursday, 11/5**
- Bible Study with Redeemer (fellowship time at 11:30 am), 12:00 pm
- Friday, 11/6**
- NA Meeting, Cancelled
- Saturday, 11/7**
- NY Synod Anti-Racism Team Virtual Conversation on Racial Justice, Equity and Inclusion, 10:00 am—12:00 pm
  - NA Meeting, 8:00 pm

#### **Upcoming Events**

~ Memorial Fund donations may be sent to the office in honor of loved ones. We will observe All Saints Day on Sunday, Nov. 1

~ Nov. 15: By the Light of Grace, 11:15 am

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