

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 28, 2018
Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church
West Columbia, SC
9:00am Worship

WELCOME

We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME,

If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.

Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving.

If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters.

A nursery is provided for younger children should you want to use it at any time.

If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,

Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

*Today continues our journey that focuses on who are called to be as disciples of Jesus
On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—
that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church
today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are
made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's
table.*

Again welcome...

This is Christ's Church. There is a place for you here!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

God of Grace

Arr. Manz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin.

*Please note that all the congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.*

PRELUDE

Little Prelude and Fugue in C

JS Bach

We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the † Holy Trinity,
the one who fashions us, the one who heals us,
the one who reforms us again and again.

Amen.

Please turn to face the cross at the entrance of the sanctuary. As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sinfulness and asking for God's forgiveness.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Source of all life,
***we confess that we have not allowed
your grace to set us free.
We fear that we are not good enough.
We hear your word of love freely given to us,
yet we expect others to earn it.
We turn the church inward,
rather than moving it outward.
Forgive us. Stir us.
Reform us to be a church powered by love,
willing to speak for what is right,
act for what is just,
and seek the healing of your whole creation.
Amen.***

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us
and to empower our lives in the world.
Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional,
and we are raised up as God's people
who will always be made new,
in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

As the cross passes your pew, please turn your bodies and worship attention to the front of the sanctuary.

GATHERING HYMN *A Mighty Fortress is our God* ELW 504
(Red Book)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

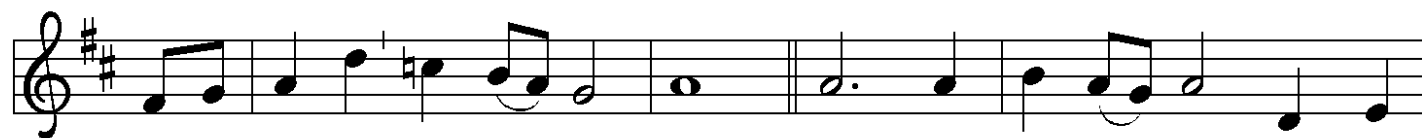
Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



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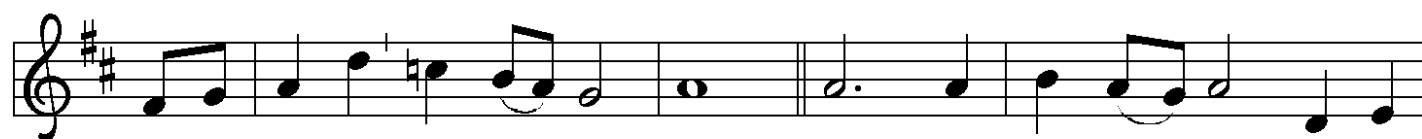
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strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



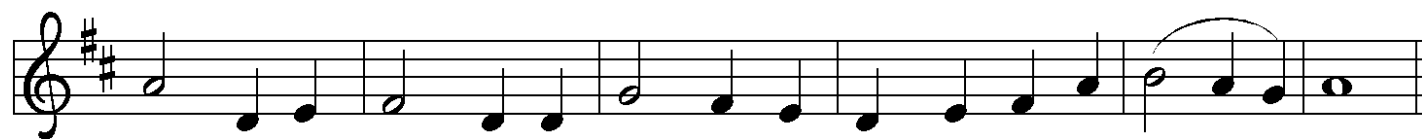
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God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, 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.

We sit.

THE WORD

READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹The 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY HYMN

If I Stand

by Rich Mullins
solo: Ryan Price

READING: Romans 3:19-28

A reading from Romans.

¹⁹Now 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand

We turn to face the cross as the Holy Gospel is brought among God's people

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*
ELW 886 (Verse 1 & 2 Only)

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus 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'?"

³⁴Jesus 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."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL RECESSIONAL *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*
ELW 886 (Verse 5 & 6 Only)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

We sit.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.

Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.

MESSAGE

“Be my disciples.” ~Jesus

We stand.

HYMN *Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* ELW 517

APOSTLES’ CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of 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.***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Longing for God's will to be fulfilled among us, we pray persistently for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*After each petition: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

The Prayers conclude:

Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

We sit.

THE MEAL

OFFERING

*We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may make a contribution any time by visiting **www.mthlc.org** and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.*

OFFERING

God is Our Refuge

Pote

OFFERTORY

I Will Sing

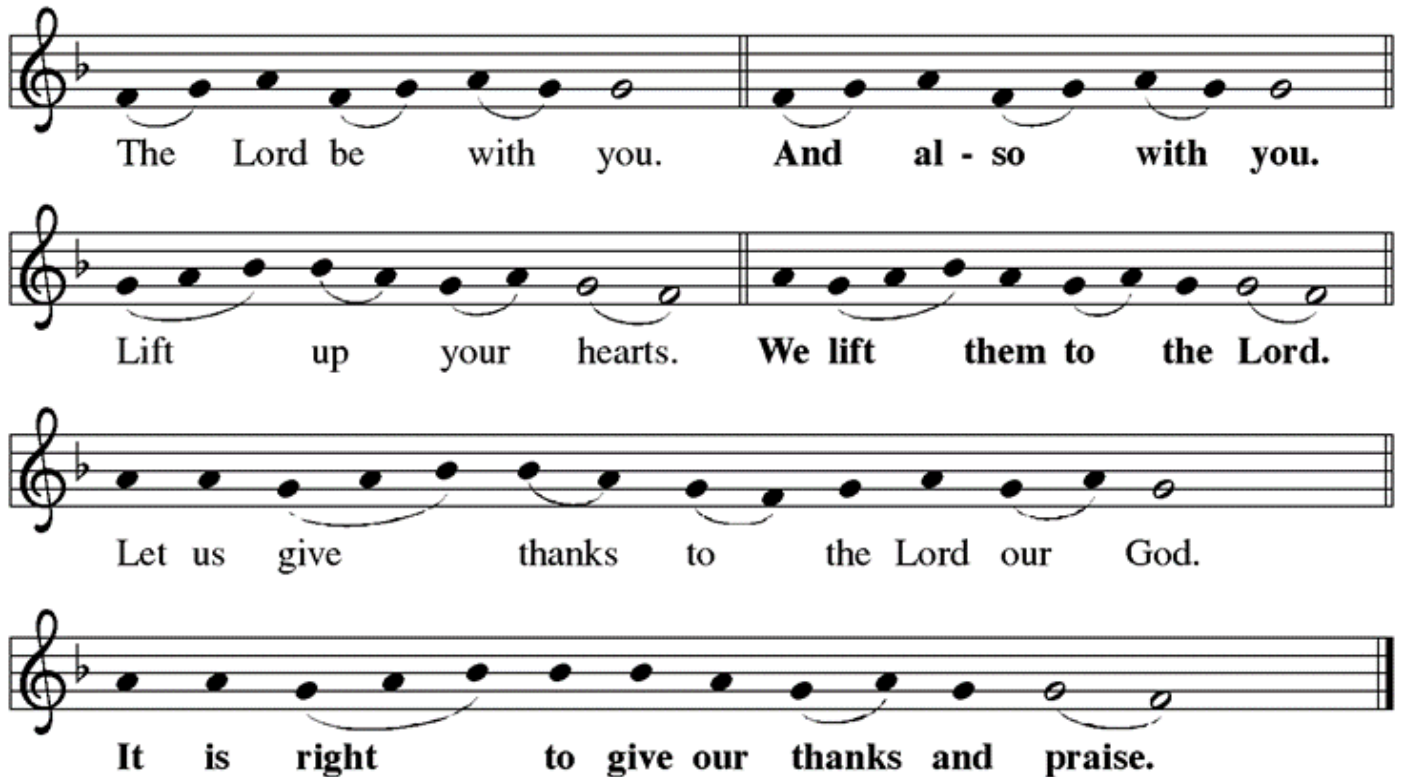
W&P 73 Verse 1 only
(Purple Book)

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

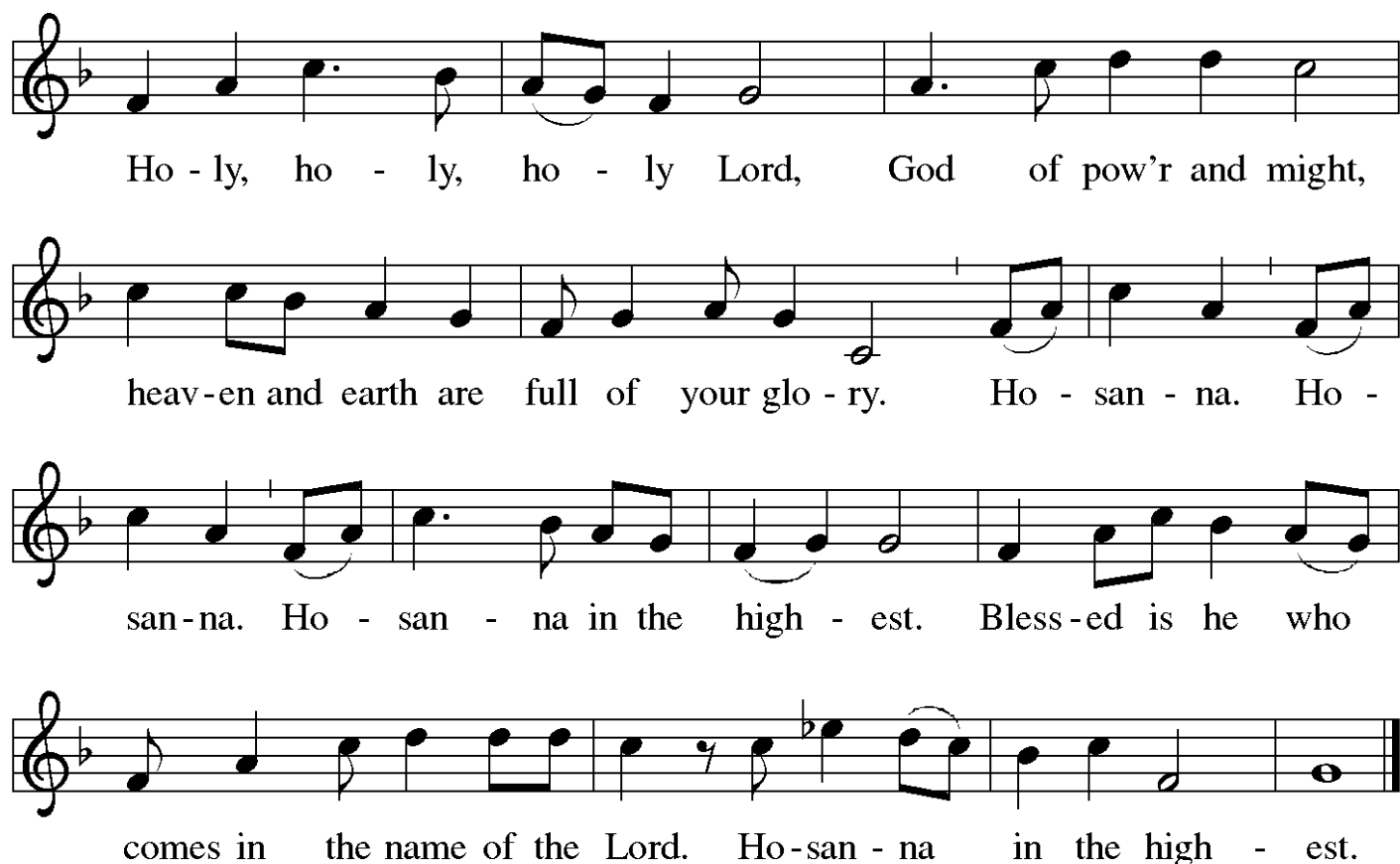
The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are as follows: Staff 1: The (G4), Lord (A4), be (B4), with (C5), you. (B4). Staff 2: And (G4), al - (A4), so (B4), with (C5), you. (B4). Staff 3: Lift (G4), up (A4), your (B4), hearts. (C5). Staff 4: We (G4), lift (A4), them (B4), to (C5), the (B4), Lord (A4). Staff 5: Let (G4), us (A4), give (B4), thanks (C5), to (B4), the (A4), Lord (G4), our (F4), God. (E4). Staff 6: It (G4), is (A4), right (B4), to (C5), give (B4), our (A4), thanks (G4), and (F4), praise. (E4).

PREFACE

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, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your children to be reformed to you and not to be of the world. You fill us with the Holy Spirit to do your will.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed...

...With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

With this bread and cup, your Word abides with us, full of grace and truth; as he is in you, we are in him, in his death and resurrection. We long for his gift of peace. ***Come, Lord Jesus.***

Father, send your Holy Spirit upon these your gifts of bread and wine. Come among us. Guide us into your truth. Make our joy complete. Breathe into us your peace, that we may we love one another, as Jesus has loved us. ***Come, Holy Spirit.***

All praise and glory are yours, Holy Father, Eternal Word, Spirit of Peace, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
and make us one with you.

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to this Meal. Come down the center aisle to receive the bread. (gluten free wafers are also available.) Then move to the chalice (cup) of wine, dip the bread in the wine. Return to your pew by the side aisle. Those not communing, may cross their arms across their chest and come forward for a blessing. Those who desire communion but who are not able to come forward will be communed first in their pew.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God

Holy, Holy

W&P 83

W&P 60

We stand.

BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. ***Amen.***

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray together.

***Holy and compassionate God,
in bread and wine you give us gifts
that form us to be humble and courageous.
May your words come to life
in our serving and in our witness,
that we might speak a living voice
of healing and justice to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.
Amen.***

THE SENDING

BLESSING

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:
Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

As the cross passes your pew, please turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary.

HYMN

The Church is One Foundation

ELW 654

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Sound the Good News.

The Spirit sends us forth to be a servant.

POSTLUDE

Thy Strong Word

Arr. Manz

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS that beautify our sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Jackson Price's 14th birthday. Love, Mom, Dad, & Spencer



Today the Reformation Cruise on Lake Murray! Boarding begins at 12:30pm

Mark Your Calendars Now for Sunday November 4th at 3pm Ryan Price and Ruthie Brannen will give a concert "A Tribute to Rich Mullins" in the fellowship hall at Mt. Hermon. Plan to attend and bring a friend with you to the concert.

Also mark Your Calendars for Sunday November 11th at 3pm. This will be the installation service for Pastor Gina. The installation is during the afternoon so that area pastors and members from other congregations will be able to attend the Service of Installation.

Our next Adopt-A-Highway will start at 9 AM in the church parking lot on Saturday, November 17, 2018. For questions please call Tom Stahl 803.356.5740. Please join us if you can.

New handicap parking spaces are marked near the elevators on the Methodist part entrance of Mt Hermon.

Mt Tabor Lutheran Church will be having a Halloween in the Park on October 28 4:30-7:30. This is a free family friendly event.

LCY will host our first

Biscuit Blitz

Sunday, November 11th

After the Service, LCY Members will deliver biscuits to your Sunday School Classroom



\$5 Sausage Biscuit from Hardee's & your choice of Orange Juice, Bottled Water, or Coffee

In honor of our Veterans that attend Mt. Hermon, the LCY will provide breakfast at no cost.

To reserve your biscuit, sign up in the breezeway



The annual congregational meeting will be November 11th. Council will nominate 4 persons to be on the ballot and one youth. On November 4th there will be a meeting so that the congregation may add 5 additional names to the ballot. November 11th will be the Annual meeting to elect 4 adult council members and one youth. We will also vote on the 2019 Spending Plan. Please keep an eye on the mailbox for your package with all of this information. It will be mailed from the church office on Tuesday. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Gina at 803.951.3784 or email PastorGinaMetze@gmail.com

	Serving Today*	Serving November 4*
Greeter:	Doris Carver	Jenny Scott
Crucifer:	Jackson Price	Bryce Addy
Acolytes:	Bryce Addy Karly Addy	Karly Addy Brayden Rutherford
Bible:	Skyler Miller	
Lector:	Larry Amick	Allison Swygert
Communion Asst.	Wynne Price Dion Metze	Angie Hydrick Joel Price Sr.
Children's Sermon:		
	Diane Boulware	Sheila Eargle
Nursery:	Grace Roof, Jamie Allen & Alyson Price	Grace Roof, Emily & Moises Arroyo Moises Arroyo
Food Pantry:	Oct 31 th Annette Price	Nov 7 th Renee Greenbaum

** If you are unable to serve, please ask someone to cover for you and notify the church office of the change.*

Serving in October

Council Representative:

Devona Price

Altar Guild:

Kim Jolly, Marie Kleckley, Mary Frances Sease

Tabulators:

Larry Amick, Barbara Corley, Doris Maddox, Jean Shealy, Faye Sox

Ushers:

David Marsh, Jeff Price, Marion Leaphart, Danny Scott

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OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

Homebound and Care Facilities

Nell Buff (Lexington Place)	Margie Hook (Home)
Pearl Dennis (HarborChase)	Lib Swygert (Lowman Home)
Gloria Mathias (Home)	Lois Watson (Lexington Place)
Lena Wessinger (Presbyterian Home)	
Patricia Buchman (Pruitt Health)	

Members in Special Need of Prayer

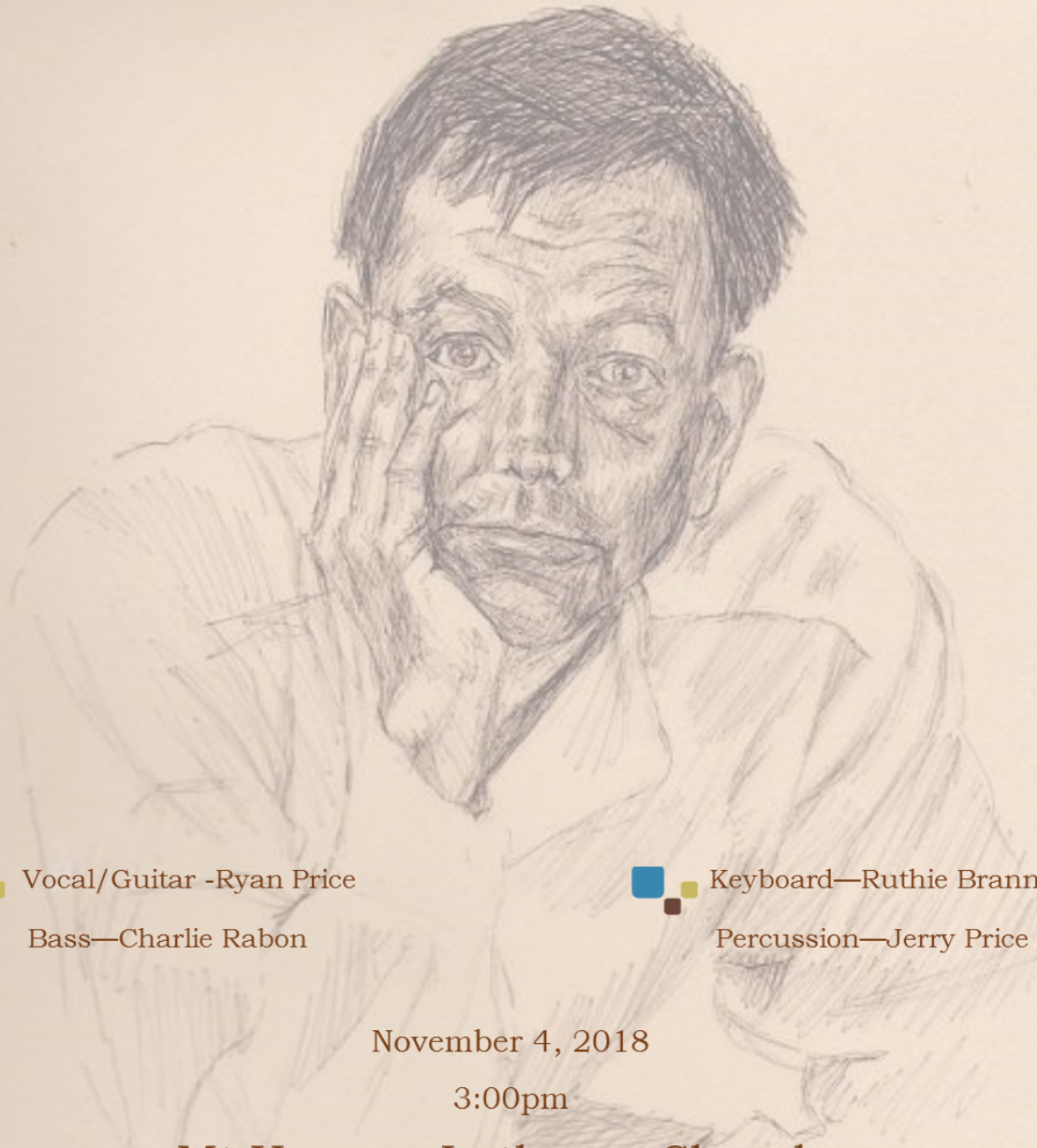
Hazel Bockus	Lynwood Crout	Connie Bucknam
Suzie Wattenbarger	Mary Frances Hamilton	Lavenia Butts
Alberta Berry	Clifton Addy	

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Kathryn & Don Bergeron, (Bucknam)
Iris Wellborn (sister of Earl Sease)
Scott Coleman (Thurman)
Jim & Vickie Burcham (Thurman)
W.A. "Buddy" Keller (Marion & Cyndi)
Nellie Gantt (Mary Price)
Edwin Porter (Marie Kleckley)
Doris Landry (Buddy Hydrick)
Ben Nicholson (Karen Nicholson)
Jimmy Mills (Tommy Mills)
Charles Price (Angie Hydrick)
Tressa Oswalt (Angie Hydrick)
Sue Reeves (Thurman)
Linda Rea (Marion & Cyndi)
Megan Sease (Earl & Mary Frances)
Becky Richardson (Sheila Eargle)
Jason Thurman (Thurman)
Richie Tallent (Danny Scott)
The Family of Chuck Younginer
The Family of Adam Cullum
Todd Hewitt (Missy Addy)

A Tribute to Rich Mullins

1955-1997



■ Vocal/Guitar -Ryan Price
■ Bass—Charlie Rabon

■ Keyboard—Ruthie Brannen
■ Percussion—Jerry Price

November 4, 2018

3:00pm

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Free Admission

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Ruthie Brannen Cantor ruthiebrannen@gmail.com

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

President, <i>Danny Scott</i>	Vice President, <i>Terry Swygert</i>
Secretary, <i>Alyson Price</i>	Treasurer, <i>Emily Morris</i>
Financial Secretary, <i>Annette Price</i>	Sextons, <i>Ricky Bouknight, Allison & Terry Swygert</i>

Sunday, October 28 – Reformation Sunday

24th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Worship Service
10:15 am Sunday School
12:30pm Reformation Cruse on Lake Murray

Monday, October 29

11:00 am Archive Meeting

Tuesday, October 30

1:00pm Arthritis Chair Class
2:00pm MAT/ Pilates Class

Wednesday, October 31

6:00pm Handbells
6:30pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 1

1:00pm Arthritis Chair Class
2:00pm MAT/ Pilates Class