



Lutheran Church of the REFORMATION

3rd Sunday of Easter
Service of Holy Communion
April 14th, 2024 8:30a.m & 11 a.m.



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A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



Mission Statement: Embraced by God's love, Lutheran Church of the Reformation gathers, welcomes, and nurtures a spiritual community to love and serve the world in Christ's name.

Welcome to Lutheran Church of the Reformation! For 154 years, Reformation has enjoyed a unique location near the nation's Capitol. We celebrate God's presence in everyone, including the great variety of members and friends who call Reformation their church home.

Everyone matters to God. You matter to us. Reformation has long been involved in social justice and helping organizations throughout the D.C. area, including Samaritan Ministry. We have helped Good Neighbors of Capitol Hill to equip 126 apartments for refugees over the past few years.

Reformation runs an "emergency" food pantry, in that we provide a bag of food to DC residents that contains items sufficient to sustain a family of four for two days as they make more permanent connections toward food security. It is open on Mondays and Tuesdays (closed on government holidays) from 9AM-5PM; please bring a government issued ID.

Reformation welcomes and supports lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer+ Christians and their families in all aspects of the church's ministry. Since 1987, we have belonged to ReconcilingWorks, a national Lutheran LGBTQ+ ministry. We honor the Nacotchtank and Piscataway peoples upon whose land we live and worship.

If you are new to Reformation and would like more information about our church ministry, a baptism, a wedding, or another interest, please fill out an information card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

We all may mask or not, according to our preferences. *Reformation will no longer require masks to be worn in Worship.* Let us all be respectful of others' needs, choices, and boundaries. *If you need a mask, just ask an usher!*

Children are most welcome in worship. The Blue Room, to the left as you entered, is equipped with sound for caregivers. A **professionally staffed nursery** and **restrooms with changing tables** are on the lower level of the St. John's building. **Sunday School** is open to children **4-12 years old** in our historic **Children's Chapel** on the 2nd floor. **Children's Choir** is from 9:45-10am; **Bible Lessons** from 10-10:50am. All children receive an age appropriate Bible to take home!

An all-gender/handicapped accessible restroom is on the sanctuary level, on the right front of the sanctuary near the elevator.

Reformation is in partnership with the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** (www.elca.org), one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States. It has 3.3 million members in more than 8,900 congregations across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region as well as 27 Lutheran Colleges and Universities, 7 Seminaries, 400 worldwide missionaries, hundreds of Lutheran camps and campus ministries, one of the largest non-profit social service networks in the U.S., and Lutheran World Relief.

☪ ☪ ☪ **GATHERING** ☪ ☪ ☪
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Attende, Domine

Demessieux

Welcome

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

Gathering Hymn

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

ELW 383

Please rise in body and/or spirit. Refer to the red hymnal in the pew in front of you. Note that hymns are located in the back 2/3rds of the hymnal (the hymn number is not the page number). Large print hymns are available in the back or online at reformationdc.org/worshiponline.

Confession

Here we confess our individual and mutual sin before a gracious and forgiving God. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence for reflection.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Forgiveness

We hear God's forgiveness pronounced over us.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Greeting

These words are a mutual greeting which brings us together into union with our heavenly God.

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.**

Prayer of the Day

The Prayer of the Day is typically a prayer focused around the texts appointed for the day and is led by a presiding minister.

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

☪ ☪ ☪ **WORD** ☪ ☪ ☪

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.

Message For All People

Jesus embraced children, placing them in the center of the Christian community as models for discipleship. Children are invited to come forward at this time.

First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

¹²Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 4:1-8

Read responsively.

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;

you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"

³**Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me when I call.**

⁴Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?"
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

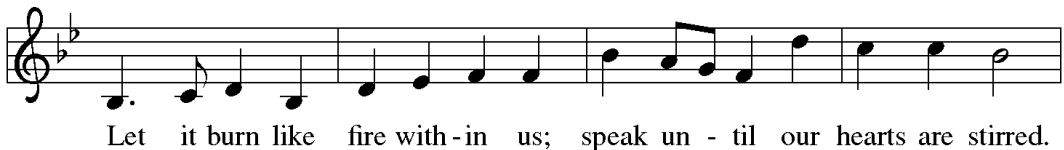
⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please rise in body and/or spirit.



Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

The Holy Gospel according to the 24th chapter of Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Kevin

Silence for Reflection

We listen and meditate on the Word of God. We hold silence for the Spirit to speak.

Following the sermon, please stand as you are able to proclaim the Word of God together by singing the Hymn of the Day.

Hymn of the Day

Around You, O Lord Jesus

ELW 468

Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed was adopted in 381 A.D., at the First Council of Constantinople. It was developed from a lineage of professions of faith dating back to the first Christians, and serves as the main statement of belief for the Universal Church.

Please rise in body and/or spirit.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.*

Prayers of Intercession

An assisting minister invites the congregation into prayer for the church, the world, and all those according to their needs.

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. *A brief silence.*

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our reconciler, you bring your love, grace and forgiveness to all, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, age, ability, race, nationality, ethnicity, or any other distinction people would make. Enable us, therefore, to confront the intersection of oppression in our society, work for inclusion, and make all your lambs welcome in your church universal. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

Sharing of Peace

The minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The Peace of Christ is with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of Christ's peace with one another by saying "Peace be with you."

Ministry Announcements

☪ ☪ ☪ **MEAL** ☪ ☪ ☪

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering of Gifts and Musical Offering

We reflect on the gifts we have, and the gifts we can offer to the Lord: our selves, our time, and our possessions. If you would like to make a monetary offering to the work and ministry of Reformation, please place it in the offering plate as it comes by, or, to do so by phone/online, turn to page 15. All gifts are beautiful to God!

11am: *Sing Me to Heaven*

Daniel E. Gawthrop

In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poets gloss.

Words alone are vain and vacant, and my heart is mute.

In response to aching silence, memory summons half-heard voices, and my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song.

Wraps me in song.

If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby.

If you would win my heart, sing me a love song.

If you would mourn me and bring me to God, sing me a requiem.

Sing me to heaven.

Touch in me all love and passion.

Pain and pleasure, touch.

Touch in me grief and comfort, love and passion, pain and pleasure.

Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem.

Love me.

Comfort me.

Bring me to God.

Sing me a love song.

Sing me to heaven.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 184

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

This portion of the liturgy comes to us, modified yet recognizable, from the 3rd century.

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

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, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy (Schubert)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

All people join the angels' song.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child; When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

Words of Institution

This is the portion of a Christian Communion service based on the words of Mark 14:22-24 and used as the grounds from Jesus Christ for the continued celebration of the Eucharist.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,

O God our strength and our song,

you show us a vision of a tree of life

with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life,

the life of the Father to the Son,

the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,

life in you, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:1-4

We conclude the thanksgiving with the prayer Jesus taught us. You can say this or another translation you know by heart.

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

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.

Invitation to Communion

We trust that God who raised Jesus from the dead to be alive with us now also joins us together in this moment of Holy Communion. Whether we are in the sanctuary or in our homes, the Holy Spirit comes and brings Christ's presence in, with, and under the bread and wine/juice when we share this meal together. You are joined to the body of Christ—the church—through this holy meal.

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymns

As We Gather at Your Table

ELW 522

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

ELW 470

The Day of Resurrection

ELW 361

Prayer after Communion

Please rise in body and/or spirit.

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

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God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Charge to the People and Blessing

Sending Forth

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Prelude in C Major

Bach

Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 11 a.m. service for coffee and refreshments.

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE!

Your Offering Empowers Our Ministry

Thank you! Supported by your time, your talents, and your financial support, Lutheran Church of the Reformation continues its mission to gather, welcome and nurture a spiritual community to love and serve the world in Christ’s name.

Regular donations can be set up at reformationdc.org/give, or by reaching out Jarrod Jabre, our Director of Operations, at 202-543-4200 Ext. 100 | jabre@ReformationDC.org.

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This Week at Reformation

Today,	8:30am & 11am	Worship
Tuesday		Office Closed (Emancipation Day)
Wednesday		Staff Meeting
Saturday	10am-noon	Anacostia River Clean-up
	2pm	Metro DC Synod Global Mission Meeting
Sunday,	8:30am & 11am	Space for Grace Service
	9:45am	Funding Our Future Listening Session

Save the Date

Sunday, April 28th @ 11am Funding Our Future Listening Session

PRAYER LIST

WE GIVE THANKS ...

For those who celebrate birthdays this week:

Cyrus Knudsen (4/14); Rhys Baggaley (4/19); Valerie Platz (4/20).

WE PRAY FOR ...

The people of Sudan, Congo, Haiti, Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Myanmar, and Ethiopia.

The families, friends, and communities affected by gun violence.

Elder and homebound congregation members.

The families, friends, and communities affected by natural disasters.

The health and safety of all during the current COVID surge: those whose lives are affected by long COVID, for healthcare and other essential workers, and anyone who is suffering physically or mentally amidst the ongoing pandemic.

Those experiencing anxiety, loneliness, and distance from family and friends.

The migrants who are bused throughout the country.

Rachel Halfpap, Erin Cox, and family, for the birth of baby Cox.

Tim Teets, as he navigates health challenges.

Roger Dahlin, as his health recovers.

Rebecca Pfahl, for health and healing.

The Anacostia River.

For our congregational and family members in military and foreign service:

Deborah, Jonathan, and Sophia Mennuti, Matt Oskam, Drew Shealy, Diane Kohn, Melinda Manning, Jon Jones, Kim Loewecke, and family members of those in service here and around the world.

From our hearts for:

Tim Allmond, Angela Braxton, Emanuele and Emmajean Crupi, Bob Hedrick, Leah Jones, Marvin Jones, Ron and Daphne Rhine, Bill Scott, Madge Selinsky, Carolyn Walker, Thomas Winter, and Gloria Wolf.

Please email your prayer requests to office@ReformationDC.org.

REFORMATION HAPPENINGS

Have an announcement for the Weekly Word? Please submit to miller@reformationdc.org by Tuesday at midnight.

No Sunday School today due to Spring Break. We'll resume on April 21st!

Smile...New Church Directory of Member & Friends of Reformation is on the Way!

Our congregation is growing, and it is hard to recognize and know everyone. To help facilitate this effort, we will be creating a new photo directory. Don't be left out! Please stop by the info table in the Blue Room after church to verify your household's contact information. A photo booth will be available in Parish Hall to capture your photo or you may send us a photo you wish to use or upload yourself (instructions can be found at Directory Info table). Interested in helping with this effort? Contact Karen Cowden at Karen.Cowden@verizon.net or Matt Cook at mcook80@gmail.com.

Metro DC Synod Global Mission Meeting. We will gather in person on Saturday, April 20th at 2 pm at Reformation. We'll meet in the Shalom Room, which is in the St. John's wing in the lower level and may be reached from outside on the left of the building or through the Fellowship Hall. There will be signs pointing the way. For those who cannot attend in person, a Zoom option will be available with a view at the table. This is our second venture into tech augmentation, so bear with us. After we gather and get organized, we will open with a time of intentional prayer, share around the table and hear from the companion synods and other groups represented. Bring thoughts, questions, ideas for moving forward in these important ministries in the Synod. Register using the link in the Weekly Word and send questions to Kathy Tobias at kathryntobias@hotmail.com

Funding our Future. The Congregation Council would like your input. As you are aware, Reformation is a dynamic, growing, multigenerational community called to love and serve the world in Christ's name. As such, we have a unique opportunity in our church's 154-year history to not only continue to grow as a parish church, but to grow as an inclusive church community in a world that is in need of examples of such communities. To get there from here, **we need to ensure that our Pastor, staff, and Congregation have the resources** they need by addressing significant resource and infrastructure challenges that have confronted Reformation for over the past 30+ years. This includes our HVAC system, elevator, and outstanding credit line debt. The cost of addressing all of these essential capital needs is estimated to be in the range of \$900,000 to \$1,650,000.

We consider this to be a rare, generational opportunity today to put Reformation in a secure position for the next 20+ years to allow the Pastor and the Congregation to achieve the church's larger mission goals.

To help fund and support this vision, the Church Council has completed preliminary exploration of three ideas where we would like your feedback. Each idea is detailed below and has both advantages and disadvantages. In addition, we are also exploring grant options to supplement these options. We welcome your input on three ideas and any others that you might have.

We are soliciting your feedback via a created survey, as well as through input gathered from Listening Sessions on Sunday, April 21st at 9:45am and Sunday, April 28th at 11am. These will help inform the recommendation(s) that Council will bring to the Congregation in a Congregational meeting in June.

Share Your Feedback Now using the link in the Weekly Word. This survey will also be mailed to those who may prefer it in this format-- please email the church office if interested.

Earth Day Cleanup. Our 3rd Annual Reformation River Clean up (sponsored by Anacostia Watershed Society) is on Saturday, April 20th from 10am - 12pm and we will be picking up trash near the Anacostia River in recognition of Earth Day on Monday, April 22nd. After the event we'll go for a casual lunch together for those who are able. If you're interested in participating in the clean up please email Emily Andre. Hope you can join us!

Service & Justice

Used Books Wanted! We are establishing a racial equity book library at Reformation as a resource to help us further engage with racial equity, especially as people of faith. Thanks to a grant from the Synod, we were able to order a short list of titles to get us started. We'd like to build out the library more... Do you have racial equity books sitting on your bookshelf that you're done reading and would like to donate to the library? Let Jenna Jablonski know (jjablon1@gmail.com).

Support of Ukrainian refugees and those in Israel and Palestine by using the links in the Weekly Word.

Thanks be to God for today's Worship Leaders...

Presiding Minister: Pastor Kevin Vandiver

Altar Care: Emma Harrington, Sarah Stauderman

Tellers: Emily Sollie, Andy Weaver

Cantors: Gabbi Levy, Alexa Newlin, Ruslan Bondar (8:30am soloist), Jon Korman

8:30 am

Greeter/Ushers: Bryan Anderson,
Pam Lenz

Reader: Paul Wengert

11:00 am

Reader: Karen Cowden

Assisting Minister: Kathy Tobias

Greeter/Usher: Nisa Kibona, Matt Aviles

Stream Team: Andy Weaver

Fellowship: Chari Voss

Communion Assistant: Karen Cowden



If you are in need of pastoral care, please call the church office at 202-543-4200, ext. 103. You may also email Pastor Kevin at vandiver@reformationdc.org.


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