

FORT STREET

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10.25.26 | 11:00 AM
Reformation Sunday

Welcome

Prelude

Be Still, My Soul
J. Turner

Marina Stojanovska

Call to Worship

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth!
Worship the Lord with gladness and in song!

**For the Lord is a gracious God,
whose mercy is everlasting,
and whose faithfulness never fails.**

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
and all desires known.

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your name,
through Christ our Lord.

*Hymn #275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
to the glory of your holy name.

Words of Forgiveness

Scripture Readings

Psalm 46:1-7
Romans 3:10-12, 21-26

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Message

Righteousness Before God

Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder

***Hymn #494**

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Offertory

Come Unto Him
G.F. Handel

Michele Marszalkowski

***Doxology**

Hymn #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

***Hymn**

Be Still, My Soul
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Blessing

Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder

Postlude

My Jesus, I Love Thee
J. Turner

Marina Stojanovska

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder

Guest Musicians: Marina Stojanovska, Michele Marszalkowski

About our Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder, Ph.D. has been serving Presbyterian churches for the past thirty years. Recently retired, she now serves as a parish associate at the Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills and as a chaplain at Glacier Hills Senior Communities in Ann Arbor. Originally from Germany, she came over on a Rotary scholarship to study journalism at the University of Missouri-Columbia. The Rev. Kidder is the author of ten books in historical theology, New Testament literature, and spirituality and a former associate professor at the Ecumenical Theological Seminary, Detroit. She lives in Ann Arbor with her cat Willie.

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Be Still, My Soul

Tune: Finlandia

Be still, my soul, and cease the reckless striving,
give up the wish to conquer and to quell;
leave to the Lord the guiding and providing,
the claim to judge, the chances to prevail.
Let go of battles of your own devising,
and let the Lord appease your thought and will.

Be still, my soul, and face the haunting worries
of changing times, of turbulence and strife;
the roaring waters and the quaking mountains,
the sense of being out of step with life.
They are much smaller than you first had thought them
and smaller still when seen against God's light.

Be still, my soul, you are the holy dwelling,
the sanctuary of the living God,
the house built on the rock of Christ's salvation,
the new creation born of word and blood;
you have been freed from life in isolation:
you are a son and daughter of your God.

Be still, my soul, and cease the empty striving,
the urge for triumph and the need for gain.
Your fear of losing is but vain and idle,
the urge to cling the source of needless pain.
Be still, my soul, and learn to be abiding
in patient trust that God will never fail.

--Annemarie Kidder, 2002; from Psalm 46