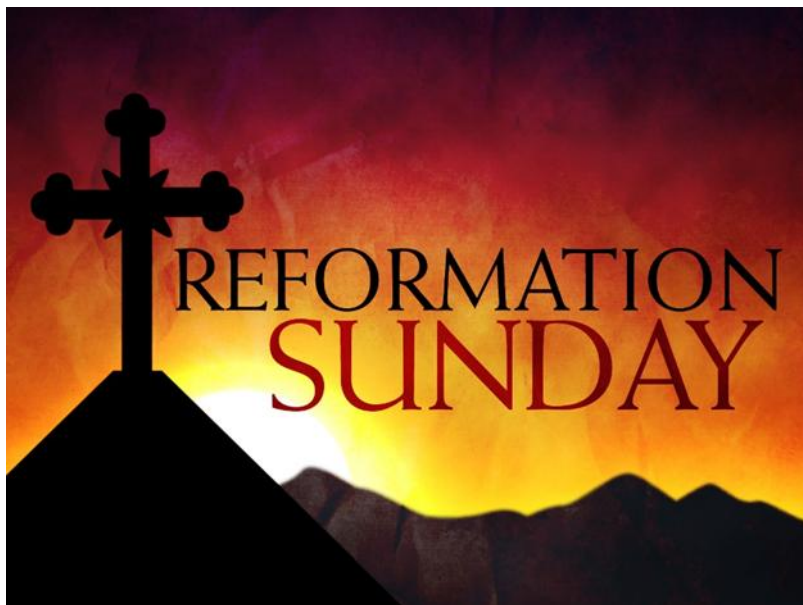




October 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Bob Gross

Choir Director: Gary Aubry

Musicians: Sue Cribb, Pam Kothrade

Tech Team: Paul Mayeshiba, Richard Tremarello

Liturgist: Jill Ungluab

Welcome to Christ Church! We are so glad you are here this morning! Whether you are a "first-timer," a regular, or somewhere in between, it is a joy to have you here with us this day. May you be blessed by God's Word in worship today! If you are a **first-time visitor**, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the offering plate, and then make your way to the Chapel (in the back) after worship where we have a small gift for you.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *I Know Whom I Have Believed* Wilson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather in a church that has changed its mind before.

All: And may need to again.

One: We are heirs of a people who read for themselves, and
would not stop.

All: Make us that kind of heir.

One: Not keepers of a moment –

All: but a household still under construction.

One: Come, Holy One, and keep us unfinished.

All: Reform us, and keep reforming us. Amen.

*WE ALL SING *A Mighty Fortress* **#507**

*OPENING PRAYER

One: Let us pray together.

**All: Living God, our rock and our redeemer, we open
ourselves to you. Teach us, lead us, help us to become
the people you call us to be. In the name of Jesus, we
pray. Amen.**

*THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: I invite you to pass the peace of Christ to those near you,
in whatever way you are most comfortable.

*Response *God Welcomes All* John Bell

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

GIFT OF MUSIC *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Handbell Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 3:19-28 CEV

We know that everything in the Law was written for those who are under its power. The Law says these things to stop anyone from making excuses and to let God show that the whole world is guilty. ²⁰God doesn't accept people simply because they obey the Law. No, indeed! All the Law does is to point out our sin.

²¹Now we see how God does make us acceptable to him. The Law and the Prophet tell how we become acceptable, and it isn't by obeying the Law of Moses. ²²God treats everyone alike. He accepts people only because they have faith in Jesus Christ. ²³All of us have sinned and fallen short of God's glory. ²⁴But God treats us much better than we deserve, and because of Christ Jesus, he freely accepts us and sets us free from our sins. ²⁵⁻²⁶God sent Christ to be our sacrifice. Christ offered his life's blood, so by faith in him we could come to God. And God did this to show that in the past he was right to be patient and forgive sinners. This also shows that God is right when he accepts people who have faith in Jesus.

²⁷What is left for us to brag about? Not a thing! Is it because we obeyed some law? No! It is because of faith. ²⁸We see that people are acceptable to God because they have faith, and not because they obey the Law.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10: 44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

*WE ALL SING

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

#457

*STATEMENT OF FAITH United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PASTORAL PRAYER

- *From the prayer box: for **Jamal** to overcome; for **Michael** to be a better person*
- *Pray for **Dean K, Judy B, Nancy K, Jan N, and Jacob O** for health & healing*
- *Prayers for **Will B** and **Janet A***
- *Continued prayers for **Joan A's grandson, Blair***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

CALLING FOR OUR BEST

One: The Holy Spirit is always present to lead, guide, comfort, and encourage. In thanksgiving we offer our gifts and our lives to God's mission in the world.

OFFERTORY

Be Ye Blessed

Norman

SCAN TO DONATE



*WE ALL SING

Doxology

tune: Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God, above you heavenly hosts,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**All: We trust you Sovereign God, to multiply the blessings
these gifts represent, as we pour out your love and grace to
those who long to hear your word to them, to see your
power at work within them, to feel your comfort beside
them, through the generous gifts of your Spirit. Amen.**

*WE ALL SING

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

#61

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

God Be With You

Ashford

THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH

Today

Coffee Hour – Bob & Mary Gross

Monday, Oct 26

Book Study, 1pm

Tuesday, Oct 27

Quilting, 9:30am

Saturday, Oct 31

Trick or Treating, 5-8pm

Greeters: Jill Unglaub

Counters: Peggy Carew, Jill Unglaub

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU!

We'd like to **thank the congregation** for the warm welcome Karen and I have received since attending Christ Church. Everyone has made us feel very welcome. Thank you! *Gary Aubry and Karen Rasmussen*

To the Christ Church UCC Family,

Thank you for the great send off Oct. 4 after church! I appreciate all your cards and well-wishes for a simpler life and travel to visit our grandchildren. I have such warm memories of rehearsals, worship services, and lifetime friendships we have made.

We'll still be around and will visit. The Athabaskan tribe in Alaska have a word "Tlaa," that translates as "See You." Mary TallMountain in her poem "There Is No Word for Goodbye" writes about this word they use instead of the word Goodbye. So Tlaa everyone – See You! *Terryl and Janet*

Cool Weather Expected | We are expecting cooler weather. Please bring a sweater or a light jacket when coming to the church as there will be no heat in the building. We are in the process of repairing the boilers and hope to have the heat restored soon.

Thanks for your understanding, *Your Property Committee*

Want To Have Some Fun? | One of the most fun events our church participated in last year was joining our neighborhood in distributing candy during the annual Halloween trick or treating. It was so much fun seeing all the kids in their costumes. We will be doing this again in conjunction with the neighborhood trick or treat on **Sat, Oct 31 from 5–8pm**. We're looking for folks to help distribute candy and if we have enough people, we can take turns going inside to warm up. It was rather cool last year!

So, please see the sign-up sheet on the Lenox bulletin board and let us know if you can help...and of course you being in costume would be all the better!

Last year we decided to do this almost at the last minute, but you all responded to our call for candy in overwhelming fashion! We had so much candy left over, it was part of our Sunday coffee hour for weeks to come. This year, while we're still asking for your help with donating candy, we're stressing moderation! One bag from each person who wants to donate will be more than enough. This is another great opportunity to be visible to our neighbors outside of our building. Any questions, see *Julie Oren*. Hope you can join us!

Formal Search for a Settled Pastor | The formal search for a settled pastor has begun. The work and events of the past several months have helped lay the foundation for beginning this important process. The search process will be different from our recent searches. **Two teams will be established**, possibly with some overlap in participants.

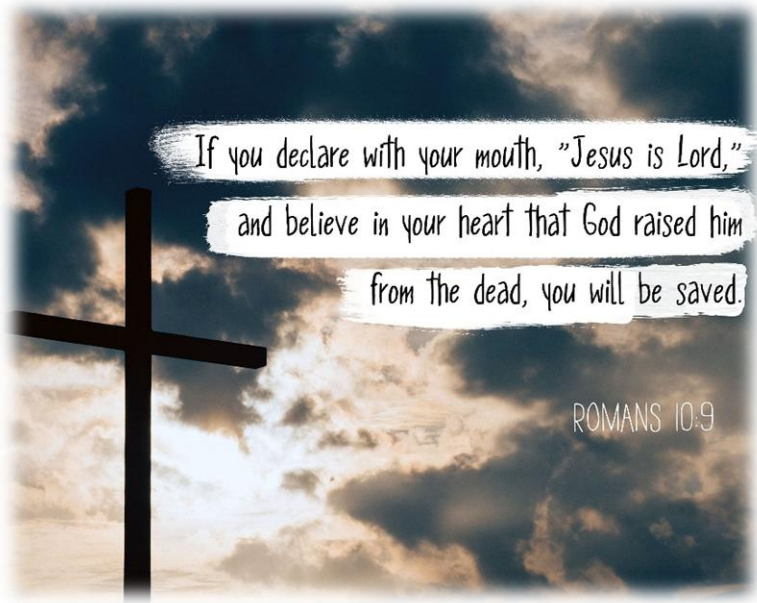
- **The first team** (Andy Oren, Paul Mayeshiba, Sue Pfeiffer, Randene Wick and Vicki Teal) will work with Pastor Bob to develop and write the church profile. This profile will introduce Christ Church to prospective candidates.
- **The second team**, consisting of **5–7 individuals**, will review applicants and participate in the interview and discernment process, ultimately making a recommendation to the congregation for a vote to become our next pastor.

If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact Pastor Bob, or any member of the Church Council.

*The **Church Profile Writing Team** has been formed and will have their Orientation with our Associate Conference Minister, Jane Anderson, tomorrow evening. The team consists of **Andy Oren, Paul Mayasheba, Randene Wick, Sue Pfeiffer, and Vicki Teal**. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare the document that will be shared with prospective candidates. Please also pray for the person God is preparing to be our next Settled Pastor.*

Thanksgiving Bags | We will be delivering Thanksgiving bags to the 9 members on our Share and Care list. Donations would be appreciated and can be placed in the Pine Room **by November 8**. Suggestions include *Thanksgiving decorations, kitchen towels, candy, notepads, crackers, cookies, seasonal napkins or anything that might brighten someone's day*. We are also looking for volunteers to deliver the bags. Please contact a Social Concerns member if you can assist. The bags will be available November 15 for you to deliver prior to the holiday.

Thanks, *Social Concerns Committee: Peggy Carew, Debbie Hansen, Mary Ann Mowery, Jan Naefken, Sara Rogers, Vicki Teal, Randene Wick*



Monthly Activity	September	YTD
Contributions & Other Income	\$16,056	\$143,070
Expenses	\$16,545	\$165,341
Budgeted Amount	\$18,051	\$162,465
<i>Last week's offering: \$1,504</i>		

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