



### **First Reformed Church, Schenectady**

In-person worship requires masks, distance, and no singing.

Order of Worship October 3, 2020

Special Music: Kate Rose

Liturgist: Daniel Carlson

Preacher: Bill Levering

**Prelude** Max Caplan

### **Greeting and Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn** Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether 504

Draw us in the Spirit's tether,  
For when humbly in Thy name,  
Two or three are met together  
Thou are in the midst of them;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Touch we now Thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather  
In the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the Father  
Break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
So knit Thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living  
Make as sacraments of Thee,  
That by caring, helping, giving  
We may true disciples be.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
We will serve Thee faithfully.

**\*Our Need for God (unison)**

Lord of all, we gather to find your presence again. Forgive us when we have forgotten you and your path. Help us live and share the joy you have given us. Guide us in the ways of peace for a new day we pray.

**\*God's Forgiving Love**

**\*Response of Praise (hummed)**

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies.  
Lord of all, to you we raise this,  
our hymn of grateful praise.

**\*Affirmation of Faith (Our Song of Hope)**

God will renew the world through Jesus,  
who will put all unrighteousness out,  
purify the works of human hands,  
and perfect their fellowship in divine love.  
Christ will wipe away every tear;  
death shall be no more.  
There will be a new heaven and a new earth,  
and all creation will be filled with God's glory.  
Come, Lord Jesus:  
We are open to your Spirit.  
We await your full presence.  
Our world finds rest in you alone.

**Special Music**

**First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7**

**Children's Message**

**Second Reading Matthew 21:33-46**

**Sermon "The End is Near!"**

**Musical Offering**

**Communion**

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**Communion Prayer**

**Words of Institution and Sharing of Elements**

**Prayers of the People and 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.

## Closing Hymn God Be With You 540

God be with you till we meet again;  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;  
Unseen wings protecting hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;  
When life's perils thick confound you,  
Put unfailing arms around you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

### **Benediction**

Go out into the world in peace. Give no person evil for evil.

Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak. **Honor all people.** May the blessings of God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with you now and always.

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