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First Presbyterian Church of South St. Paul
Reformation/Heritage Sunday
October 25, 2015 10:00 a.m.

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GATHERING MUSIC
“Lobe Den Herren” Michaelsen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Katie Estes

CENTERING SILENCE
“Dawning of the Day” trad. Irish

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)
God is gathering us from many different places.
No one is worthy, but all are invited.

God lifts us up when we stumble and leads us back.
God cares for us amid our pain and losses.
We are delivered from our fears and saved from trouble.
Happy are those who take refuge in a loving God.

Our lips pour forth laughter and joyous singing.
We join in shouts of praise to God Most High.
Taste and see how good God is.
Trust in the One who awakens joy in place of tears.
We will bless our God in all times and places.
Let us exalt God’s name together!

*HYMN
“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” Hymnal # 35

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
Loving God, please forgive us for all the ways we sin. You have heaped blessings upon us, yet often we are ungrateful. In hardship we grumble and fume, choosing our own path instead of your guidance. We prefer to worry and complain in our weakness rather than to humble ourselves and seek your power. In your mercy, forgive us Lord. You have been with us from the beginning, and you will be with us to the very end. Restore us to the joyful confidence of those who belong to you, for we ask it in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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In Christ, we are linked with God’s saving grace for all time.
Let us praise God, recognizing that faith has the power to heal.
We are forgiven, loved and freed.
Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE
“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art” Hymnal # 624 (vs. 4-5)

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)
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ANTHEM
“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Festival Choir
arr. Pfautsch

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SERMON
Try It, You’ll Like It Katie Estes

*HYMN
“As Morning Dawns” Hymnal # 665

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Invitation to Share

OFFERTORY
“Voluntary” Stubley

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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“Colin's Cattle” trad. Scottish

Serving Us Today

Greeters: Sheri, Tom & Rachel Kaisler
Ushers: Jan Mahoney, Benicio Mendiola-Johnson, Sue & Andy Tourville
Acolyte: Tobey Kaup
Lector: Sheri Kaisler
Coffee Servers: Barb & Mel Hunt
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Photos and/or video may be taken during this worship service. FPC-SSP reserves the right to use said photos or video in church publications, including, but not limited to, bulletins, newsletters, the church website, and social media sites. If you prefer not to appear in these photos or video, please talk to one of the ushers.

If you have a prayer request, please use the yellow request cards in the pews. Give the card to an usher before worship or during the first hymn so it can be included in our prayers of the people today and passed on to the prayer chain as well.

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service. We also have professional childcare available for infants and children up to 5 years. The nursery is located at the top of the stairs in the upper level of the Education wing and is always available on those days your child may be restless. If you have an infant who begins to cry during the service, feel free to go into the library with your child and continue to hear the service on the speaker.

Please join us after the worship service for a time of fellowship in the Commons. Coffee, juice and treats are available for a minimal charge for members and at no cost for guests. Come and connect with old and new friends as we enjoy fellowship together.

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