



Strathmore United Church

October 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday

Rev. Maria Szabone Berces

Greetings & Welcome:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

and also, with you.

Based on 2 Cor. 13:13

Announcements:

Lighting the Christ Candle:

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🎵 Centering Song: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Vs 1-2) *VU #262*

Call to Worship:

God is our refuge, a stronghold to keep us safe.

God is indeed our rock and fortress.

God leads us and guides us for righteousness' sake.

Into God's hands, we commend our spirits,
for God has redeemed us, our God of truth.

**Our times are in God's hands, and so we pray to be delivered,
from the hands of those who want to harm us, from those
who pursue us.**

God is our refuge and rock. Let us worship.

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Opening Prayer:

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Story Time for All Ages:

🎵 Hymn: *God of the Bible (Vs. 1-2) *MV #28*

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance:

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Prayer of Illumination:

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Reading of Scripture

Genesis 15:1-6

Ephesians 2:4-10

L: A Word of God that is still speaking,

P: Thanks be to God.

Message:

♪♪ Hymn: *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing* ***VU #559**

The Offering Invitation:

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M&S Story:

Stewardship is a life-long process. In fact, stewardship extends beyond our lifetime. Please consider making a gift in your will to support the ministry of your Community of Faith and through Mission and Service the ministry of The United Church of Canada.

♪♪ Dedication: *Grant Us, God, the Grace of Giving* ***VU #540**
Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

Prayer of Dedication:

Our gifts are vital. Each dollar matters, each talent used matters, each minute employed in the service of Jesus Christ matters. We thank God and each other for these gifts.

With our gifts come prayers for strength for any who are tired in work and service. With our gifts come prayers of encouragement for any who are feeling downhearted. With our gifts come prayers for hope for a restored Creation. With our gifts come prayers of comfort in the midst of grief and illness. With our gifts come the blessings of fellowship and welcome.

Our gifts are wonderful.

Thanks be to You, O God, for it is because of You that we can give with joy and can find joy as we receive the blessings of this community of faith. Amen.

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Prayers of the People:

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Lord's Prayer:

***VU #960**

Hymn: The Church's One Foundation (Vs. 1-2,4) *VU #331****

Commissioning:

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Hymn:

Amen

***VU #974**

Passing the Peace of Christ

L: May the God of Peace go with you.

P: And also with you.

*Please join us for soup and Bun Luncheon
downstairs after the service.*

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