

## *Worship Service based on Hebrews 12:1*

An appropriate time to use this service might be Reformation or All Saints' Day in a remembrance of those heroes of faith who have gone before us and/or pledge dedication Sunday.

### Prelude

### Call to Worship

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,** and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us **looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

Hymn: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" PH 466

### Call to Confession: *Hebrews 10:19-22*

"Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water."

### Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor and the oppressed.

In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

### Assurance of God's Pardon: *Romans 5:1-2*

"Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God."

### Reading of Scripture: *Hebrews 11:32-12:3*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

### Affirmation of Faith

(Here the worshipers give expression to the faith of the historic Christian Church and in doing so express their solidarity with the church of all ages. One of the ecumenical creeds may be used, or a profession from one of the other confessions of the church.)

Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign" PH 423

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" PH 376

"What Wondrous Love" PH 85

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" PH 403

### Prayers of the People

### Offertory: God's Call to Grateful Living:

"Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." *Hebrews 10:23-25*

### Doxology

Prayer of Dedication, Remembering with Gratitude

(This worshipful event can be structured in several different ways. Members of the congregation may be invited to give brief expressions or testimonies about people from the congregation, community, or their family who have died during the past year. Several can take note of the "heroes of faith" who have shaped our Reformation Heritage, or worship leaders can read the

