

October 25, 2026
Reformation Sunday



Deuteronomy 34:1-2

King James Version Bible

And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. And the LORD shewed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan, And all Naphtali, and...



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Pastor: Robert Bacon; Lay Speaker: Carol Bacon
Pianist: Deb Mitchell

*Please stand if able

Prelude. Deb Mitchell

Welcome/Announcements

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: **Before the mountains were brought forth,
form everlasting to everlasting. You are God.**

Leader: Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, soul, and mind."

People: **We come to worship the one who is love and calls us to love.**

Leader: **Come, let us lift our voices to the God of love and life.**

All: **Alleluia! We worship the Lord of all generations.**

***Congregational Hymn. . . . "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God". . . . Hymnal #35**

Our Morning Prayer on Reformation Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, we give You thanks for the movement of Your Spirit that breathed new life into Your church through the Reformation. We praise You for Martin Luther, who boldly proclaimed salvation by grace through faith. We honor Jacobus Arminius, who emphasized Your grace offered freely to all. Through them and many others. You called Your people back to the authority of scripture, the power of the gospel, and the centrality of Christ.

On this Reformation Sunday, stir in us a holy longing for continual renewal. Let us be shaped not only by the courage of the reformers, but by the compassion of Christ and the truth of Your Word.

May we be a people always reformed and always reforming – ever faithful to the gospel and ever open to the work of Your Spirit.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

We are Led in Worship

Praise Team

We Worship in Prayer

Praise Offerings / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

We Worship in Giving

Offering plates are at both doors as you enter or leave and will not be passed.

***Doxology / *Offertory Prayer**

We Worship by Hearing the Word

Scripture: Deuteronomy 34: The Death of Moses

¹Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the Lord showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan, ²all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, ³the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. ⁴Then the Lord said to him, “This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it.”

⁵And Moses the servant of the Lord died there in Moab, as the Lord had said. ⁶He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. ⁷Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. ⁸The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over.

⁹Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the Lord had commanded Moses.

¹⁰Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, ¹¹who did all those signs and wonders the Lord sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. ¹²For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

We Worship in Song

Congregational Song “Speak, O Lord” Hymnal #432
Vs. 1 & 3

We Worship in Learning the Word

Message: “Martin Luther and the Reformation” Carol Bacon

We Worship in Song

*Closing Song “The Church’s One Foundation” Hymnal #388
Vs. 1, 3 & 5

Closing Prayer

Postlude Deb Mitchell



Announcements

- **Pastor's Office Hours** : By appointment. Rob 515-460-8885; Carol 515-460-8969
- **Bulletin Announcements**: Please forward bulletin announcements to office@maxwellmc.org by Wednesday.
- **Fellowship Sign-up**: Please sign up to bring refreshments for fellowship
- **Wednesdays @ 6:00 – 7:00 pm** SSNOW
- **Thursdays @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**: Beginning October 22 new study on Esther.
- **October 31, 2026 @ 5:30 to 7:30 pm Light the Night**: A light meal will be served, have some games set up for the kids, as well as decorated trunks. Please consider donating/volunteering for this event. A sign-up sheet is located in the Westly Cafe. Volunteers are needed for meal donation, meal prepping and serving, games, set up and clean up. Set up will be on October 31st at a to be determined time. Boxes are at each entrance for candy donations! This is a great event for our community and a great way for us to witness to others. Thank You! Questions may be directed to Mary Fullerton, [515-708-2880](tel:515-708-2880).
- **November 1, 2026, Sunday**: Brief Ad Council meeting following worship.
- **November 2, 2026, Monday, @ 6:00 pm**: Charge Conference at the Maxwell Church with the Ogdon Methodist Church.
- **November 8 Following Worship**: *Clean Water Chili Cook Off*. Please sign up in the Fellowship Room to make chili or bring a side. We will vote for the chili with our dollars. Most money raised wins first prize.
- **November 13, 9:00 am to Noon**: Five members of Maxwell Methodist are going to Camp Dodge on Friday November 13 from 9:00am to noon to package boxes for the troops. There are more openings on that day and time if you wish to join us. You can also sign up for other days and times. Sign at: <https://www.bluestarmothersofiowa.com/>
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