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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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October 29, 2017  
*Reformation Sunday*

  
**Second**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship  
and silence your mobile devices.*

We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us this Lord's Day. Today we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Great Reformation when Martin Luther launched a gospel movement by nailing his Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the Wittenberg Cathedral on October 31, 1517. Why should this matter to us, and why should we celebrate the Reformation?

On Reformation Sunday, we rejoice in the recovery of the biblical gospel of grace. Simply put, "Christ saves sinners" (I Timothy 1:15). We do not and cannot add anything to our salvation. Seeing that Jesus saves us from beginning to end by His grace alone makes proud people humble, rude people grateful, and despairing people joyful.

The Reformation reminds us that Christianity is more of a grace-filled journey than a moral code. It is more of a love affair than a religious exercise. It is receiving a gift with open hands instead of keeping rules with clenched fists. Pray that our church would never tire of trumpeting God's grace and that our Lord would unleash the transforming power of His gospel that brings times of refreshment from His presence. Don't let this Reformation Sunday pass without praying this for yourself, your family, your church, and our world!

## OUR GOD IS A SURE REFUGE

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Now Thank We All Our God" . . . . .arr. Michael Burkhardt  
*Samuel Metzger, Director of Music and Organist*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Feierlicher Einzug (Festival Intrada)" . . . . Richard Strauss

CHORAL INTROIT: "Sing to God" . . . . .Michael J. Devine  
*Psalm 68:4*

Sing to God! Sing to God, sing praises to His Name;  
Lift up a song to Him, up to Him who rides upon the clouds;  
His name is the Lord!  
Exalt Him, exalt Him, exalt before Him.  
Sing to God! Praise His name! Sing to God!

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)  
Michael Devine, Guest Conductor*

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . .Dan G. Burns

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 92 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" . . . . . EIN' FESTE BURG

♠OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Select verses from Psalms and Proverbs . . . . .Bill Jorgensen (8:15)  
Brandon Morrison (11:00)

Wondrously show your steadfast love,

**O Savior of those who seek refuge  
from their adversaries at your right hand.**

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

**my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield,  
and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

In the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,  
till the storms of destruction pass by.

**I will sing of your strength;  
I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.**

For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.

**Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.**

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man.

**It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.**

The name of the Lord is a strong tower;

**The righteous run to it and are safe.**

Every word of God proves true;

**He is a shield to those who take refuge in him.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . EIN' FESTE BURG

**O come, see what the Lord has done:  
His desolations brought on earth;  
On earth He puts an end to wars,  
Breaks bow and spear, and chariots burn.  
Be still! Know I am God.  
Exalted o'er all men, exalted o'er all earth.  
The Lord of hosts with us!  
Our fortress strong is Jacob's God.**

✦ INVOCATION (*please raise hands*)

## OUR GOD IS A PRESENT HELP

CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION:

"Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord" . . . . . Felix Mendelssohn  
*Psalm 55:22*

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee.  
He never will suffer the righteous to fall. He is at thy right hand.  
Thy mercy, Lord, is great and far above the heav'ns.  
Let none be made ashamed that wait upon Thee.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Waken our hearts, O Lord, our God;  
make them ever watchful to serve You and Your purposes.  
Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and work.  
Trouble us with the greatness of Your command  
to make disciples of all nations.  
Trouble us with Your great love for sinners  
and our own slowness to make You our greatest love.  
Trouble us with the brevity of our lives  
and time, talent, and treasure not invested in eternity.  
Comfort us by drawing us to Yourself  
with the cords of Your unfailing mercy.  
Comfort us, O Lord, with the assurance of our salvation  
and unending glory with You when we suffer and are afflicted.  
Rekindle in us a renewed desire  
for the coming of Your glorious kingdom  
when all wrongs will be made right,  
when everything that is broken will be made whole,  
and when we will trade a cross for a crown.  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

*Adapted from the Prayers of Martin Luther*

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

HYMN OF THE CROSS: "The Power of the Cross" . . . . . OH TO SEE THE DAWN

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day;  
Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men,  
Torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.  
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath – we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin. Ev'ry bitter thought,  
Ev'ry evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.  
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head. Curtain torn in two,  
Dead are raised to life, "Finished!" the vic'try cry.

*Congregation stands and sings:*

**This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.**

This the pow'r of the cross: Christ was slain for us.

**Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death;  
Life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love.**

**This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God – slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.  
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.**

*Christy Young, soloist*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. . . . .David A. Bowen

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling". . . . . arr. Mack Wilberg

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down.  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit; let us find Thy promised rest;  
Take away the love of singing; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation, perfectly restored in Thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place;  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise. Amen!

✦DOXOLOGY . . . . .OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

# OUR GOD IS A STRONG DELIVERER

## ✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) ..... Kevin T. McQuillen

## ✦ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE 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.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ..... Acts 2:14-41  
(page 910 in pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON      *Preaching As Though We Had Enemies*      George W. Robertson

## PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 310 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" ..... DARWALL

✦ BENEDICTION (*please raise hands*)

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Carillon-Sortie" ..... Henri Mulet

✦ *Indicates congregation standing*      CCLI License #252778

## C O M M U N I T Y Reformation Service

Join us this evening at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for our annual Community Reformation Service with several of our sister churches. Choirs from these churches will join in our choir loft with a brass orchestra to commemorate this significant day in the Church's reformation — specifically to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation this year! Dr. Sean Michael Lucas of Independent Presbyterian Church will preach.