

Reformation Bible Church

Congregational Worship

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God's Character Is Proclaimed That We Might Rightly Respond To Him

*Proclaim the name of the LORD:
ascribe greatness to our God.
He is the Rock, His work is perfect;
for all His ways are justice,
a God of truth and without injustice;
righteous and upright is He.
Deuteronomy 32:3,4,*

We Respond To God's Greatness As We Sing To The Glory of God

*Serve the LORD with gladness;
Come before His presence with singing.
Psalm 100:2*

*"They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord."
Psalm 138: 5*

Mighty God, While Angels Praise Thee Hymn #8
Psalm 92C
Psalm 100A

God Has Declared His Truth That We Are To Follow

Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And *whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Colossians 3:12-17

God's Remedy Is Declared So We Who Believe Know What God Accepts And Expects Us To Do

*Seek the LORD while He may be found,
Call upon Him while He is near.
Let the wicked forsake his way,
And the unrighteous man his thoughts;
Let him return to the LORD,
And He will have mercy on him;
And to our God,
For He will abundantly pardon.
Isaiah 55:6-7*

We Respond To God's Instruction By Confessing That We Have Broken His Law In Our Hearts, In Our Minds, With Our Tongues, and In Acts

• CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord our God, all our approval is in You and You alone. The only means for us to acceptably and safely draw close to You is through our Lord Jesus Christ. Your holiness is a consuming fire that devours and destroys all that is unholy. As we are in Christ by grace through faith, You have us in Your hand and You show us love rather than what we deserve without Him.

By His merit You give us blessed opportunities of enjoying fellowship with You who are God blessed forever.

But these mercies were forfeited mercies. We neglect and abuse the blessings of Your house, and we grieve the Holy Spirit. Therefore, it would be fully just for You to deprive us of life, of safety and of all other blessings. You could make us know the worth of Your mercies by withdrawing them. But instead, You give us the Bible, and in it You order us to judge ourselves that we may not be condemned with the world. Being unworthy to be in Your sight; we confess we are only polluted dust, and not worthy to tread Your courts. It is Your pure mercy that we are not consumed. When we look into ourselves, we see the poison of our natures. Whatever a leper touched, was unclean; therefore, by our spiritual leprosy we have infected holy things. Lord, if You should say that You would forgive all our other sins up to this moment, and only judge us for the sin that attends this prayer, woe to us! What self-inflicted ignorance, half-heartedness, unbelief, and hypocrisy are even the inducement for this prayer we offer confessing our ignorance, half-heartedness, unbelief, and hypocrisy.

Our sin is great, but Christ is greater and mighty to save. Praise You, Our God and Father, for the pardon and protection from wrath given to us through Jesus. We are grateful people for the salvation of our souls from hell, and the privilege to speak to You, and be in Your presence safely robed in Christ's righteousness. Hallelujah, what a Savior You are! Amen

(Confess your sins in the privacy of your own heart)

God Promises His Favor To The Contrite

*For thus says the High and Lofty One
Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:
"I dwell in the high and holy place,
With him who has a contrite and humble spirit,
To revive the spirit of the humble,
And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.
Isaiah 57:15*

We Respond To The Mercy Of God, Declaring In Faith Our Confidence In Christ's Work On Our Behalf

• CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Without faith
it is impossible to please Him,
for he who comes to God
must believe that He is (exists),
and that He is a rewarder
of those who diligently seek Him.
Hebrews 11:6*

(Heidelberg Catechism Question and Answer #1 & 32)

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People of God: My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head apart from the will of my Father in Heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Pastor: Why are you called a Christian?

People of God: I am called a Christian because, by grace I am in union with Christ through faith, and thus am a partaker of His anointing. That being so, I confess His name, and present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to Him: and also having a free and good conscience, I fight against sin and Satan in this life, afterwards which I will reign with Him eternally over all creatures.

God Can Forgive And Give Joy In Place Of Wrath

*Cause the soul of Your servant to rejoice,
For to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive,
And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.
Psalms 86:4-5*

We Sing With Joy To Honor Him For His Redeeming Work On Our Behalf

"Lord, With Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee" Hymn #80

God Hears Our Prayers

*"I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
And will call upon the name of the LORD"
Psalm 116:17*

God Is Honored As We Bring Our Tithe To Him As An Act Of Worship

No man should appear before the LORD empty-handed.
Deuteronomy 16:16

We Give Attention To The Word Of God Read and Preached

*"And they shall teach My people the difference
between the holy and the unholy,
and cause them to discern between
the clean and the unclean.
Ezekiel 44:23*

The Message:	Thanksgiving
The Messenger:	Mr. Ray Shores

The Lord Calls His Children To Participate in The Covenant Meal With Him

- Explanation of the Sacrament
- We Contemplate His Work On Our Behalf
 - "At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing" Hymn #420
- The Words of Institution
- Invitation to the Meal and The Fencing of the Table
- The Prayer of Consecration of the Elements
- The Serving of the Elements

The Doxology

Charge and Benediction

... and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.
Luke 24:50

Greet The Brethren In Love

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