

Reformation Bible Church

Congregational Worship

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PRELUDE

*Please use this time to ready your heart to be reverent and ready for worship.
Ask God for the eye of faith instructed by Scripture so that you may see Him as
He really is and that you may be humbled and changed forever by His Person
and promises – which are true and worthy of our trust.*

GOD GIVES US GREAT REASONS TO WORSHIP HIM IN AWE

*Preserve me, O God,
for in You I put my trust.
O my soul, you have said to the LORD,
“You are my Lord, My goodness is nothing apart from You.”
The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places;
Yes, I have a good inheritance.
I have set the LORD always before me;
Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.
Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices;
My flesh also will rest in hope.
For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.
You will show me the path of life;
In Your presence is fullness of joy;
At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
from Psalm 16*

*Forever will I sing
of the everlasting love of the LORD;
To all generations I will declare
that your love stands firm forever.
The heavens will praise Your wonders, O LORD;
Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.
from Psalm 89*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GREATNESS AS WE SING TO HIS GLORY

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

Psalm 92C
“Be Thou My Vision”

Hymn #642

WE ARE REMINDED THAT GOD’S GLORY IS SHOWN BY HIS ACTS

*Thus says the LORD,
let him who boasts boast in this;
that he knows and understands Me, personally and practically,
directly discerning and recognizing My character,
that I am the LORD,
Who practices loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth,
for in these things I delight, says the LORD.”
Jeremiah 9:23a,24 (Amplified)*

GOD GRANTS FORGIVENESS AS WE CONFESS OUR SINS

*“I come to acknowledge my sin to You, and my iniquity I do not hide;
I confess my transgressions to You Lord, and You forgive the guilt of my sin.”
(based on) Psalm 32:5*

• Corporate Confession of Sin

Dear Lord, the Bible tells us everything that we ever need to know and believe to have true faith and practice real obedience. Yet, we can so easily fail to place full trust in the essential nature of that truth and we push Your Word aside and adopt the erroneous ways of the world. Sadly, the rebellion and errors of our culture impact our thinking and continue to mar our lives by acts of regular contradiction to Your wisdom and truth.

Oh God, please forgive us for not embracing Your great and powerful wisdom. Forgive us for squandering the opportunities we have with our church to learn Your ways and learn to appreciate and enjoy them. Forgive us for acting like we know better than You! You designed the world for Your glory and for our glad enjoyment of You and Your ways. You offer us a wonderful security in Yourself and the basis for full confidence in Your promise that You have not left us alone in our own weaknesses.

Clearly, we don’t deserve Your love and forgiveness, but we thank You for it in Jesus Christ. Forgive our unfaithfulness inconsistency and help us become the people You want us to be. These things we ask in the strong, merciful and life-changing Name of Jesus. AMEN!

(We Confess Our Secret Sins In The Privacy Of Our Own Hearts)

GOD DECLARES HIS FORGIVENESS FOR US

*I have forgiven the iniquity of **My people**;
I have covered all their sin. Selah
I have taken away all My wrath;
I have turned from the fierceness of My anger.
Psalm 85:2 –3 (adapted)*

*And you shall call His name Jesus,
for He will save His people from their sins.
Matthew 1:21*

• Corporate Confession of Faith

(from The Westminster Shorter Catechism – AD1647 Q’s 3,4 & 5)

Pastor: What is the Word of God?

People of God: The holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, the only rule of faith and obedience.

Pastor: How does it appear that the Scriptures are the Word of God?

People of God: The Scriptures display themselves to be the Word of God, by their majesty and purity; by the consent of all the parts, and the scope of the whole, which is to give all glory to God; by their light and power to convince and convert sinners, to comfort and build up believers unto salvation: but the Spirit of God bearing witness by and with the Scriptures in the heart of man, is alone able fully to persuade us that they are the very word of God.

Pastor: What do the Scriptures principally teach?

People of God: The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

WE SING OF WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR OUR SOULS

*I will declare what He has done for my soul.
(from Psalm 66)*

“Arise My Soul Arise”

Hymn #305

WE PRAY IN LOVE AND TRUST TO OUR GREAT, MAJESTIC, AND WONDERFUL GOD

... appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses: ...and do not appear before the LORD empty-handed. Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you.

*"And they shall teach My people the difference
between the holy and the unholy,
and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.
They shall keep My laws and My statutes in all My appointed meetings,
and they shall hallow My Sabbaths.
Ezekiel 44:23-24*

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