

Reformation Bible Church

Congregational Worship

November 4, 2018

PRELUDE

We have the opportunity to quiet ourselves and seek Him here and now
—and adore Him forever!

THE PSALMIST CALLS US TO KNOW AND DECLARE GOD’S GLORY

A Psalm. A Song for the Sabbath day.

*It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning,
and Your faithfulness every night,...
with harmonious sound.
For You, LORD, have made me glad through Your work;
and I will triumph in the works of Your hands.
O LORD, how great are Your works!
Your thoughts are very deep.
A senseless man does not know,
nor does a fool understand this.
When the wicked spring up like grass,
and when all the workers of iniquity flourish,
it is that they may be destroyed forever.
But You, LORD, are on high forevermore
for behold, Your enemies, O LORD,
for behold, Your enemies shall perish;
all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.
But my strength You have exalted like a fierce and strong ox;
I have been anointed with fresh oil.
My eye also has seen my desire on my enemies;
my ears hear my desire on the wicked
who rise up against me.
The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
Those who are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God.*

*They shall still bear fruit in old age;
they shall be fresh and flourishing,
to declare that the LORD is upright.
He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.
from Psalm 92*

WE ENTER GOD’S PRESENCE WITH SINGING, DECLARING HIS EXCELLENCE

*“Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods?
who is like You, glorious in holiness,
fearful in praises, doing wonders?”
Exodus 15:11*

*The time of singing has come.
Song of Solomon 2:12*

Psalm 92C

"Our God, Our Help In Ages Past"

Hymn #30

GOD HAS DECLARED THE PREDICAMENT CAUSED BY THE FALLEN CONDITION OF ALL MEN

*What then? Are we better than they? Not at all!
For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks
that they are all under sin.
As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one;
there is none who understands; there is none who seeks after God.
They have all gone out of the way; they have together become
unprofitable; there is none who does good, no, not one."
"Their throat is an open tomb; with their tongues they have practiced
deceit;" "The poison of asps is under their lips";
"Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness."
"Their feet are swift to shed blood;
destruction and misery are in their ways;
and the way of peace they have not known."
"There is no fear of God before their eyes."
Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are
under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may
become guilty before God.
Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight,
for by the law is the knowledge of sin.
Romans 3:9-20*

GOD DEMANDS A REPENTANT HEART WHICH TURNS TO HIM IN FAITH

*"Therefore, I will judge you, " says the Lord GOD.
"Repent, and turn from all your transgressions,
so that iniquity will not be your ruin.
Ezekiel 18:30*

*Come now and let us reason together says the LORD.
Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow.
Though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.
Isaiah 1:18*

WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST OUR HOLY GOD

• Corporate Confession of Sin

O Merciful Lord, it is You who mercifully brings us to know and fulfil the duty to acknowledge our sin. You have graciously convinced us of our need to be forgiven by You and You alone. It is You Who gives us the grace of repentance for the sake of Your kingdom, for the increase of Your glory, and for the salvation of our souls. It is Your enduring goodness that takes us deeper and deeper into repentance as You show us more clearly and fully the depths of our sins against Your holy majesty. Praise be to You, O Lord God Almighty for this conviction!

Some of the sin You have revealed to us is our sinful sense of superiority. There are times when we exalt ourselves over others and look down on them as though we are better or easier to save than they. Yet, You say we are not different in our nature or in our guilt. Our nature and our actual sins have made us just as culpable and damnable as any and everyone else.

We sin when our seeking You is halting, casual and lacks commitment. We sin by going our own way, taking regular detours into unauthorized activities. Some of the works we take pride in are often unprofitable and worldly. Sometimes what we proudly call the work of Your kingdom; and what we put forth thinking it to be good in Your eyes, may not be good at all. Because of a lack of knowing Your Word and lacking proper fear of You, we are not careful to guard our hearts and seek Your clear and perfect will

We ask You now to remove our guilt. We ask You to turn us further from our sin and refine us and shape us to serve You well.

Strengthen us and give us zeal to be the people You would have us to be. Make us wise to think, speak and act for Your glory. Cause us to be a blessing to You as Your Bride, the Church, loving one another in our hearts and minds and also with our actions. Make us a grateful people who are faithful to Your word. We praise You Father, Son and Holy Spirit, our Triune and Triumphant God. AMEN.

• **Private Confession of Sin**
(Please confess your secret sins in the privacy of your own heart.)

WE CONFESS OUR TRUE CONFIDENCE IN OUR HOLY GOD

• **Corporate Confession of Faith:**
(ADAPTED FROM HEIDELBERG CATECHISM Q & A 56)

Pastor: What do you believe concerning the forgiveness of sins?
People of God: I believe that God, solely because of Christ's atonement, will never hold any of my actual sins against me nor will He allow my sinful nature to rule me though I must struggle against it all the days of this life. Rather, in His grace God imputes to my account the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

WE ARE TOLD OF GOD’S MERCY WHICH MOVES US IN OUR HEARTS TO EXPRESS THANKFULNESS

*He will not always strive with us, nor will He keep His anger forever.
He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor punished us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is His mercy toward those
who fear Him;
Psalm 103:9-11*

GOD HEARS OUR SONGS OF FAITH AND GRATEFULNESS FOR THE SAVING WORK OF JESUS

"We Rest On Thee, Our Shield And Our Defender"
Hymn #449

WE HONOR GOD EXALTING AND THANKING HIM IN OUR PRAYERS

GOD IS HONORED THROUGH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

WE GIVE ATTENTION TO THE WORD OF GOD PREACHED

*"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.
Ezekiel 44:23*

The Sermon Reformation Bible Church -Parish Principles
Pastor Mike Chastain

GRACE IS PROVIDED TO THE CHURCH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- Explanation of the Sacrament
- We meditate on Christ’s redeeming work
“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” Hymn #254
- The words of institution
- The invitation to the feast
- The warning against unworthy partaking
- Prayer of consecration of the elements
- Breaking of the bread and offering of the cup
“The Doxology”

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