



# Celebration of Worship

REFORMATION SUNDAY  
October 27, 2024

## Prelude

*The Prelude is a time to begin transitioning from fellowshiping with our neighbors to preparing our hearts to worship God.*

*Please adjust all electronic devices so as not to interrupt the service.*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Welcome to all our visitors. Please fill out the guest registration to let us know of your visit.*

## Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful find comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

from Psalm 46

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**People:** *Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,*

Pastor: Come, behold the works of the Lord,... "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

**People:** *The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

## \*Invocation and Adoration

*The invocation should acknowledge that our worship is in vain if it is not Spirit-inspired. Often, the invocation will also employ the language of adoration and praise, which is very fitting in light of the vertical, God-focused dimension of this prayer.*

## **\*Worship in Song**

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### ***A Mighty Fortress***

## **Public Confession of Sin (in unison)**

Lord Jesus Christ, though being in very nature God, when you came to redeem us you humbled yourself and made yourself nothing. Though you were rich, for our sakes you became poor, so that through your poverty we might become rich.

We confess how unlike you we are in our attitudes and actions. We strive for recognition from others, and we sulk and become bitter if we do not get it. We attend to our own needs and concerns, yet fail to care for others except when it serves our purposes.

Forgive us our sin and renew our hearts. Grant us to realize that we only achieve greatness and gain our lives by giving them away. Work in us by the power of your Spirit so that we become more like you and so bring glory to our Father in heaven. Amen.

## **Silent Prayer of Confession**

### **Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel**

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ~ Romans 8.1

### **Corporate Confession of Faith**      from Westminster Larger Catechism

**Leader:**      **Question 70:** What is justification?

**ALL:**      Justification is an act of God's free grace unto sinners, in which he pardons all their sins, accepts and accounts their persons righteous in his sight; not for any thing

wrought in them, or done by them, but only for the perfect obedience and full satisfaction of Christ, by God imputed to them, and received by faith alone.

**Leader:** **Question 73:** How does faith justify a sinner in the sight of God?

**ALL:** Faith justifies a sinner in the sight of God, not because of those other graces which do always accompany it, or of good works that are the fruits of it, nor as if the grace of faith, or any act thereof, were imputed to him for his justification; but only as it is an instrument by which he receives and applies Christ and his righteousness.

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## **PETITIONING GOD'S PROVIDENCE**

### **Testimony of God's Work**

#### **Prayers of God's People**

*(The pastor will lead us in prayer, reading submitted praises and requests)*

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## **ADORING GOD'S GLORY**

### **Public Reading of Scripture**

#### **Judges 2:1-10**

*(Lectio Continua – the practice of reading Scripture in sequence)*

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*Scripture Context:*

*The cycle of unfaithfulness and disobedience begins. The people will repent, and God will send a deliverer. But the process will repeat so that we will realize that a Greater Deliverer is needed.*

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Now the angel of the LORD went up from Gilgal to Bochim. And he said, "I brought you up from Egypt and brought you into the land that I swore to give to your fathers. I said, 'I will never break my covenant with you,<sup>2</sup> and you shall make no covenant with the

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inhabitants of this land; you shall break down their altars.<sup>1</sup> But you have not obeyed my voice. What is this you have done?<sup>3</sup> So now I say, I will not drive them out before you, but they shall become thorns in your sides,<sup>1</sup> and their gods shall be a snare to you."<sup>4</sup> As soon as the angel of the LORD spoke these words to all the people of Israel, the people lifted up their voices and wept.<sup>5</sup> And they called the name of that place Bochim.<sup>1</sup> And they sacrificed there to the LORD.<sup>6</sup> When Joshua dismissed the people, the people of Israel went each to his inheritance to take possession of the land.<sup>7</sup> And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work that the LORD had done for Israel.<sup>8</sup> And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of 110 years.<sup>9</sup> And they buried him within the boundaries of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the hill country of Ephraim, north of the mountain of Gaash.<sup>10</sup> And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD or the work that he had done for Israel.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**All:** *Thanks be to God.*

## **The Giving of First Fruits**

*Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce;<sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. ~Proverbs 3:9-10*

## **Prayer of Thanks and Dedication**

### **\*Worship in Song**

#### ***Reformation Song***

1 Your Word alone is solid ground  
The mighty rock on which we build  
In every line the truth is found  
And every page with glory filled

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2 Through faith alone we come to You  
We have no merit we can claim  
Sure that Your promises are true  
We place our hope in Jesus' name

**Chorus**

***Gloria gloria glory to God alone  
Gloria gloria glory to God alone***

3 In Christ alone we're justified  
His righteousness is all our plea  
Your law's demands are satisfied  
His perfect work has set us free

(Chorus)

4 By grace alone we have been saved  
All that we are has come from You  
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved  
Now by Your pow'r have been made new

(Chorus)

And on this **Reformation Day**  
We join with saints of old to sing  
We lift our hearts as one in praise  
Glory to Christ our gracious King

(Chorus)

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## ***Justified***

### VERSE 1

When my heart is dark and low  
When my soul is sick with shame  
I can trust your word alone  
By the blood of Christ I'm justified

### VERSE 2

When I'm lost and far from home  
When I doubt that I'm your child  
I am safe in Christ Alone,  
By the blood of Christ I'm justified

### CHORUS

**By your wounds, I am healed  
By your Word, I am restored  
By your grace, I'm redeemed  
By the blood of Christ I'm justified**

### VERSE 3

Not by works that I have done  
Not by any good in me  
Saved by grace through faith alone  
By the blood of Christ I'm justified

### CHORUS

### VERSE 4

When my life on earth is done  
I will sing, oh how I'll sing!  
For Your glory, God Alone  
By the blood of Christ I'm justified

### CHORUS

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By your Word, I am restored  
By your grace, I'm redeemed  
By the blood of Christ I'm justified

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## **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

### **Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination**

**Sermon Text:** **Romans 3:21-26**

### **Preaching of the Word**

*A Tour Through the Solas*

### **\*Closing Hymn**

#### ***In Christ Alone***

##### **Verse 1**

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

##### **Verse 2**

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fulness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live



### Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

### Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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## \*Benediction

Just as God has the first word in worship, he also has the last word. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing. We look up and extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.

## Postlude

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Memory Verse of the Week:

**Romans 3:23-24** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,<sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

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