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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

October 27, 2019

Reformation Sunday and Commitment Sunday

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

The congregation stands to sing

Processional Hymn 457 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art Toulon

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)

O God, you alone can probe the depths of the heart, hearing the prayer of the humble and justifying the repentant sinner. Grant us the gift of humility, that we may see our own sins clearly and refrain from judging our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Prayer of Confession

Unison

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father: we have sinned against you,
through our own fault, in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.**

**For the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all our offenses,
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name ...**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 220 All People That on Earth Do Dwell Old Hundredth

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children come to the Baptismal Font for a

Time with Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Joel 2:23-32

Psalms 65:1-5,9a,11a,12-13

Unison

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed.

O God, you answer prayer; to you all flesh shall come.

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,

O God of our salvation.

You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it.

You crown the year with your bounty, O Lord.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow;

the hills gird themselves with joy.

The meadows clothe themselves with flocks;

the valleys deck themselves with grain;

they shout and sing together for joy.

Anthem

Fount of Every Blessing Lloyd Larson, 2008

God of ev'ry gift and blessing, we gather this day to give You glory, honor, our worship and praise. Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise His name, I'm fixed upon it, name of God's redeeming love. Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I've come; and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God. He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be. Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, O take and seal it, for Thy courts above. (--Robert Robinson, c. 1758; alt. by Lloyd Larson; tune: Nettleton, traditional American melody from John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813)

Epistle

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

Sermon

Godly Repentance and Glorious Grace

Mike Krech

“But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’” Luke 18:13

An Opportunity to Present Pledges for A.D. 2020

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 441

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

St. Thomas

Apostles' Creed

Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Gloria Patri 579

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 260 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' Feste Burg

Postlude

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church. Today we join much of the church and observe Reformation Sunday. The Protestant Reformation is often dated to October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther (1483-1546) posted 95 theses, items for debate, on the door of the castle church at Wittenberg, Germany. Protestantism emphasizes the authority of scripture, justification by grace through faith, the priesthood of all believers, the Christian vocation of laypersons, and more inclusive and representative church government. Presbyterianism is part of the Reformed Tradition within Protestant Christianity, looking to John Calvin (1509-1564) and his emphasis upon the sovereignty of God and the office of Elder (*presbuteros* in Greek). The first, second, and final hymns in today's service are three of the best known hymns from the era of the Protestant Reformation.

We also observe Commitment Sunday today.

Your pledges for A.D. 2020 will be gratefully received.