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Presbytery of the Mid-South, Synod of Living Waters.

**Grace Presbyterian Church**

**Worships God at 11:00 a.m.**

**October 28, 2018**

**Reformation Sunday/Commitment Sunday**

**The Bell Calls Us to Worship**

**Prelude** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God arr. Arthur Frackenhohl (b. 1924)  
Bob Vawter, trombone; Betsy Moseley, piano

**The congregation stands to sing**

**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**)

Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, Almighty God, to rule and direct us according to your will, to comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, to defend us from all error and lead us into all truth; that we, being steadfast in faith, may increase in love and in all good works, and at the end obtain everlasting life; 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 bring their ringing collection and come to the Baptismal Font for a

### Time for Young Christians

### Old Testament

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

### Psalm 34:1-8, 19

Unison

I will bless the Lord at all times;

God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

I sought the Lord and he answered me

and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to God and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord

and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him

and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good;

happy are those who take refuge in God.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

but the Lord rescues them from them all.

### Anthem

God Is Our Refuge

Allen Pote, 1986

God is our refuge and strength, a present help in time of trouble.

Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.

He is in the midst of his people in all the earth. He is our God.

He is the Word, we are his hands, He will lead us.

He is the air, we are his song, we will celebrate his presence all the day long.

He is the rain, we are the stones; He will cleanse us. (--Psalm 46, Jay Johnson)

### Epistle

Hebrews 7:23-28

### Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

### Sermon

The Finished Work and the Unfinished

Mike Krech

“Jesus said to him, ‘Go; your faith has made you well.’ Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.”

Mark 10:52

### An Opportunity to Present Commitments for A.D. 2019

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

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Andantino

Johann Krieger (1651-1735)

The congregation stands to sing the

### Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

### Benediction

### Recessional Hymn 260

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' Feste Burg

### Postlude

Fugue on Ein' Feste Burg

Dietrich Buxtehude (1653-1706)

**Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.** Today we join much of the church in observing 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. From then through much of the remainder of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, Protestantism spread throughout Europe, emphasizing 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). Many Protestant groups settled in North America in the seventeenth century and beyond, giving the United States a majority Protestant population. 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. 2019 will be gratefully received.