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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

October 30, 2022

Reformation Sunday/Commitment Sunday

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Martin Luther; arr. Brandt Adams
Bob Vawter, trombone; Susan Steppe, piano

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 220 All People That on Earth Do Dwell Old Hundredth

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,
in what we have done and in what we have left undone.**

**We confess that our stewardship of your gift of life
falls short of your call to be thankful in all circumstances,
nor have we been as generous with our material resources
as you have been with us.**

Forgive our offenses that we may serve you in newness of life ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 391 Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated Hendon

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers safely greet one another with the peace of Christ and then sit for the announcements.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children bring their ringing offering and come to the Baptismal Font for a

Time for Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalm 119:137-144 Unison

You are righteous, O Lord; and your judgments are right.

You have appointed your decrees in righteousness and in all faithfulness.

My zeal consumes me because my foes forget your words.

Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.

I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts.

**Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
and your law is the truth.**

Trouble and anguish have come upon me,

but your commandments are my delight.

Your decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

Anthem Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death Keith/Kristen Getty
Daniel Whitaker, soloist

Epistle 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,11-12

Gospel Luke 19:1-10

Sermon Jesus Cares About Our Money Mike Krech

“Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, ‘Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.’ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house ...’” Luke 19:8-9a

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 Be Thou My Vision (Slane) Irish ballad; arr. James Pethel

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 260 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Ein’ Feste Burg

Worshippers are encouraged to be seated for the postlude,
or you may depart the sanctuary quietly and quickly now if necessary.

Postlude Excerpt from Toccata, Organ Symphony V
Charles-Marie Widor, 1879

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. Through the remainder of the 16th century, Protestantism spread throughout Europe, emphasizing the authority of scripture, justification by grace through faith (a theme in today’s Old Testament reading from Habakkuk), 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 hymn today is associated with John Calvin’s ministry in Geneva, Switzerland. The third hymn is the oldest American hymn in common usage, written in 1800 at the invitation of Presbyterians and Congregationalists in Connecticut. The final hymn and the musical meditation are settings of Luther’s masterpiece from 1529.

We trust that not only our deep heritage of faith but the living Word of God leads us to renewal of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and a **commitment** to Christ through the church in the coming year.

(JMK)

An Opportunity to Present Commitments for A.D. 2023

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell; Come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise, Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always, For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good, His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

Text: Psalm 100, William Kethe, 1560;

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH; Attr. Louis Bourgeois (c. 1510-c. 1561)

Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee,
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;

Take my intellect and use Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself, and I will be Ever, only all for Thee.

Text: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874;

Tune: HENDON; H.A. Cesar Malan, 1827

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

I love Thy kingdom, Lord, The house of Thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved With His own precious blood.

I love Thy church, O God; Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye, And graven on Thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, For her my prayers ascend;
To her my toils and cares be given, Till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, Her hymns of love and praise.

Sure as Thy truth shall last, To Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield, And brighter bliss of heaven.

Text: Timothy Dwight, 1800;

Tune: ST. THOMAS; *The Universal Psalmist*, 1763; Adapt. Aaron Williams, 1770

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and power are great, And, armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same, And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth triumph through us.

The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him,
His rage we can endure, For lo! his doom is sure, One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also;
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever.

Text: Martin Luther, 1529; Trans. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852;

Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG; Martin Luther, 1529