

Reformation Bible Church
Congregational Worship
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COME AND WORSHIP

*Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;*

*and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!*

*Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.*

² *Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.*

³ *Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live.*

*I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful love promised to David.*

⁴ *See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,
a ruler and commander of the peoples.*

⁵ *Surely you will summon nations you know not,
and nations you do not know will come running to you,
because of the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel,
for he has endowed you with splendor.”*

⁶ *Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.*

Isaiah 55:1-6

GOD IS PLEASED AS WE GATHER TOGETHER TO SING PRAISES TO HIM

*Hear O kings! Give ear, O princes! I, even I, will sing to the LORD;
I will sing praise to the LORD God of Israel.*

Judges 5:3

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Hymn #164
"Psalm 99C"

“THE LORD'S PRAYER”

Our Father,
Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day- our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For THINE is the kingdom!-
...and the power!-
...and the glory!--
...forever!-
Amen.

GOD GIVES US HIS STANDARD FOR LIVING FOR HIM

Ephesians 4:22-32

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶ “In your anger do not sin”²⁶; Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸ Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

WE NEED SALVATION FROM THE PENALTY FOR BREAKING GOD'S LAW

*For the LORD is our Judge; the LORD is our Lawgiver;
the LORD is our King; He will save us.
Isaiah 33:22*

*“...you shall call His name Jesus,
for He will save His people from their sins.”
Matthew 1:21*

WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO OUR HOLY GOD WHO CAME TO SAVE US

• CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, we confess that we sin in so many ways. We fail to put off our old self corrupted by deceitful desires, and we fail to do the works in keeping with putting on the new self which You created for us to be like You. At times, we neglect Your Word, prayer and worship which wars against our living faithfully for You. We find that we lie when it works to our advantage though your Word tells us to put off falsehood and speak truthfully. We find that we become selfishly angry when we are crossed, giving the devil a foothold in our lives. We fail to be as useful and productive as we could be instead wasting precious time. We use unwholesome words and tear others down instead of building others up. We have been saved to live in a way that honors and glorifies You, and You have given us Holy Spirit to help us, but we grieve Him by callously resisting His prompts and pricks.

Forgive us and enable us to live for you. Help us to be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving as we have been forgiven in Christ. For Your Glory, Amen.

(Confess your secret sins in the privacy of your own heart.)

GOD MADE PROVISION TO SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM WRATH

*For God did not appoint us to wrath,
but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ
1 Thessalonians 5:9*

WHY WAS IT NECESSARY FOR GOD TO TAKE ON FLESH AND BE BORN OF A VIRGIN IN ORDER TO REDEEM US

(Heidelberg Catechism Q&A s 14-20)

Pastor - Can there be found anywhere, any creature, able to satisfy God's justice in our place for our sin?

People - Absolutely none; for, first, God will not punish any other creature for the sin which man has committed; and further, no mere creature can sustain the burden of God's eternal wrath against sin, so as to deliver others from it.

Pastor - *For what sort of a mediator and deliverer must we seek?*

People – He must be truly man, and perfectly righteous; and yet more powerful than all creatures; that is, One who is also truly God.

Pastor - *Why must he be truly man, and also perfectly righteous?*

People - Because the justice of God requires that the same human nature which has sinned, should make satisfaction for sin; and one, who is himself a sinner, cannot satisfy God's wrath for others.

Pastor - *Why must he in one person be also truly God?*

People - That He might, by the power of his Deity sustain in His human nature, the burden of infinite wrath; and obtain for, and restore to us, righteousness and life.

Pastor - *Who then is that Mediator, who is in one person both very God, and a real and righteous man?*

People - Our Lord Jesus Christ: "who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption."

Pastor - *How do I know this?*

People - From the holy gospel, which God Himself revealed to us in Scripture and has fulfilled by His only begotten Son.

Pastor - *Are all men then, as they perished in Adam, saved by Christ?*

PEOPLE - NO; ONLY THOSE WHO ARE ENGRAFTED INTO HIM, RECEIVE ALL HIS BENEFITS, BY TRUE FAITH.

WE SING WITH JOY TO THE MIGHTY GOD WHO IS OUR LORD

My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed.

Psalm 71:23

"What a Friend We Have In Jesus!"

Hymn #629

WE EXPRESS OUR THANKS TO GOD THROUGH OUR GIFTS

*Give to the LORD the glory due His name;
Bring an offering, and come into His courts.*

Psalm 96:8

GOD'S TRUTH IS READ AND 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

"New Life, New Mind, New Enemy"

Mr. Ray Shores

Colossians 3:1-7

WE MEDITATE ON WHAT WE HAVE HEARD AND BELIEVED THE LORD CALLS HIS CHILDREN TO EAT AT HIS TABLE

- Explanation of the Sacrament
- We Contemplate His Work On Our Behalf
- "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" Hymn #247
- The Words of Institution
- Invitation to the Meal
- The Fencing of the Table
- The Prayer of Consecration of the Elements
- The Serving of the Elements
- Rejoicing In God For His Great Work On Our Behalf

"The Doxology"

Hymn #xv

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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