

Reformation Sunday
October 29, 2017

Preparation for Worship – Please use this time for silent preparation of heart and mind for worship of the Almighty God.

Prelude – “Toccatina and Fugue in D Minor” J.S. Bach

Announcements

Choral Introit – “We Seek Thy Presence, Lord” J.S. Bach

*Call to Worship – Psalm 46:1, 2, 10, & 11

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

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

Minister: ‘Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!’

Congregation: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.”

*Invocation

*Lord's Prayer

*Hymn - “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” #92

Word of Greeting – Please pass the Friendship Registers found on the right end of each row.

Responsive Reading – Luke 18:9-14 p. 877 in Pew Bible
Confession of Sin (Unison)

“O Heavenly Father, dear God, I am a poor unworthy sinner. I do not deserve to raise my eyes or hands toward thee or to pray. But because thou hast commanded us all to pray, and hast promised to hear us and through thy dear Son Jesus Christ hast taught us both how and what to pray, I come to thee in obedience to thy word, trusting in thy gracious promise.

O dear Lord, God and Father, enter not into judgment against us because no man living is justified before thee. Do not count it against us as a sin that we are so unthankful for thine ineffable goodness, spiritual and physical, or that we stray into sin many times every day, more often than we can know or recognize. Do not look upon how good or how wicked we have been but only upon the infinite compassion which thou has bestowed upon us in Christ, thy dear Son.”

(From Martin Luther's “A Simple Way to Pray,” 1535)

Assurance of Pardon (Unison) Psalm 103:2, 3

“Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits – who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.”

Morning Prayer

*Hymn - “Faith of Our Fathers!” #570

*Confession of Faith – The Geneva Confession of 1536

First, we affirm that we desire to follow Scripture alone as the rule of faith and religion, without mixing with it any other thing which might be devised by the opinion of men apart from the Word of God, and without wishing to accept for our spiritual government any other doctrine than what is conveyed to us by the same Word without addition or diminution, according to the command of our Lord.

Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Question #21

Q. What is true faith?

A. True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in his Word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only other, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.

*Doxology #731

Offertory Response – “All Things are Thine” Whittier/Bach

Offertory Anthem – “Now Let All the Heavens” J.S. Bach

Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee,
And men and angels sing before Thee,
With harp and cymbal's clearest tone;
By the pearly gates in wonder
We stand and join the voice of thunder
That echoes round Thy dazzling throne.

No ear hath ever caught, no vision ever brought such a rapture!

We raise the voice and swell the song
To praise Thee all the ages long.

(Children 4 up until age 6 may be dismissed to Children's Church)

Scripture Reading –Romans 1:16, 17 p.939 in Pew Bible

Sermon The Reverend Mr. David G. McKay

“MARTIN LUTHER”

*Hymn – “From Depths of Woe I Raise to Thee” #554

*Benediction

*Postlude – “Ein Feste Burg” Luther/Arr. Curnow
Marvin C. Perry II - Trumpet

The Rev. Mr. David G. McKay, Minister
The Rev. Mr. John F. Peoples, Jr., Associate Minister
Mrs. Julie Covert, Organist and Choir Director