

REFORMATION SERVICE 2021

REFORMATION SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Sunday, 31 October, 2021

* Indicates standing if able

WELCOME & GREETING

Pastor Josh Sillaman - Grace Point Presbyterian Church PCA



INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 44:22-23

"I have blotted out, like a thick cloud, your transgressions, And like a cloud, your sins. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you. Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it! Shout, you lower parts of the earth; Break forth into singing, you mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, And glorified Himself in Israel."

* HYMN

Nº 01

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastoral Prayer of Confession Responsive Prayer:

Adapted from Ezra 9:6; Daniel 9:8; Hosea 11:7; Jeremiah 17:9; Psalm 130

Leader: O God, we are ashamed and embarrassed to lift up our faces to You, for our iniquities have risen above our heads and our guilt has grown even to the heavens.

Congregation: Open shame belongs to us, because we have sinned against You. There is in us a bent on turning from You: our hearts are more deceitful than all else and are desperately sick.

Leader: Lord, out of the depths we cry to You, hear our voice and our supplication! If You should mark iniquities, who could stand?

Congregation: But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared; with You there is lovingkindness; yes, with You there is abundant redemption, and You will redeem us from all our iniquities. ALL: O God, Have mercy upon us and heal us. Enable us by Your Holy Spirit to walk after the example of our Lord and King, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 9:11-14

"But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

* HYMN of ASSURANCE

Nº 02

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

THE WORD OF GOD READ

Ruling Elder Mark Donovan - Severn Run EP Church PCA

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 2

"Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision. Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion." I will declare the decree: "The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel." Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Peter 2:13-25

"Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men— as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness-by whose stripes you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls."

OFFERING OF PRAISE

Ruling Elder Bradley J. Chwastyk - Severn Run EP Church PCA (This offering will be given to the Pregnancy Clinic serving Severna Park, Annapolis, and Bowie/Crofton areas)

Offertory

Reformation Choir

Psalm 2 - Thomas Tallis

* Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him all creatures here below, Praise Him above, ye Heav'nly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE WORD PREACHED

Pastor Jesse M. Crutchley - Severn Run EP Church PCA "Ye Are Gods"

Reading of Scripture

Psalm 82

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastor Emeritus John "Arch" Van Devender - Severn Run EP Church PCA

* INVITATIONAL HYMN

Nº 03

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

COMMUNION WITH CHRIST IN THE SUPPER

The Bread

Nº 04

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

The Cup

Nº 05

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

* CLOSING HYMN

Nº 06

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

* BENEDICTION

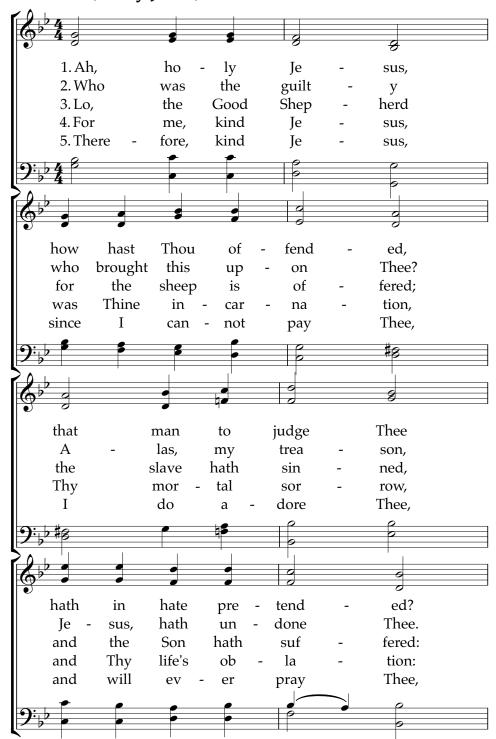


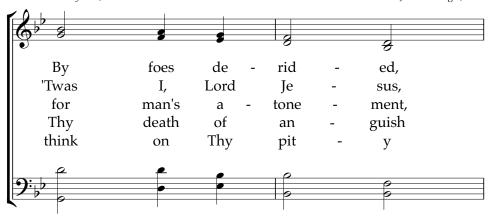
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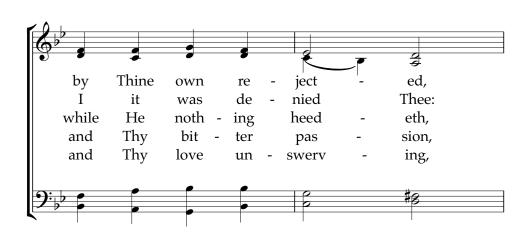


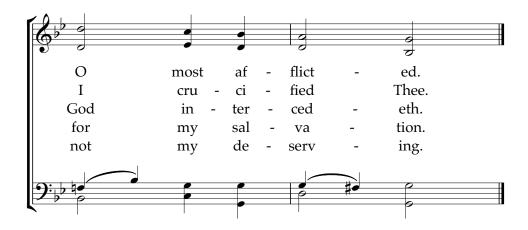


No 02 Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended









Psalm 2

(Sung by the Reformation Choir)

Words from *The Whole Psalter Translated*, 1567 by Archbishop Matthew Parker, 1567 Tune by Thomas Tallis, 1567

1. verses 1 and 2

Why fumeth in sight, the Gentiles spite, in fury raging stout? Why taketh in hond, the people fond, vain things to bring about? The kings arise, the lords devise, in counsels met thereto: against the Lord, with false accord, against His Christ they go.

2. verses 3 and 4

Let us, they say: break down their array, of all their bonds and cords: we will renounce that they pronounce, their lures as stately lords. But God of might in heaven so bright, shall laugh them all to scorn: the Lord on high, shall them defy, they shall be once forlorn.

3. verses 5 and 6

Then shall His ire speak all in fire, to them again therefore: He shall with threat their malice beat, in His displeasure sore. Yet am I set a King so great on Zion hill full fast. (Though me they kill, yet will that hill, my law and word outcast.)

4. verses 7 and 8

God's words decreed: I (Christ) will spread for God hath said to me: My son, I say, Thou art this day, I have begotten Thee. Ask Thou of me, I will give Thee to rule all Gentile's lands: Thou shalt possess, in sureness the world how wide it stands.

5. verses 9 and 10

With iron rod: as mighty God, all rebels shalt Thou bruise: and break them all in pieces small, as shards the potters use. Be wise therefore, ye kings the more, receive the wisdom's lore: ye judges strong: of right and wrong, advise you now before.

6. verses 11 and 12

The Lord in fear, your service bear, with dread to Him rejoice: let rages be, resist not ye, Him serve with joyful voice. The Son ye kiss, lest wroth He be, lose not the way of rest. For when His ire is set on fire, who trust in Him be blest.

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art



O Sacred Head, Now Wounded





RESOURCES TO AID IN THE OBSERVATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

From the Westminster Shorter Catechism (WSC) and the Westminster Larger Catechism (WLC)

WSC 96 *What is the Lord's supper?* A. The Lord's supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's appointment, his death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment, and growth in grace.

WSC 97 What is required to the worthy receiving of the Lord's supper? A. It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.

WLC 171 How are they that receive the sacrament of the Lord's supper to prepare themselves before they come unto it? A. They that receive the sacrament of the Lord's supper are, before they come, to prepare themselves thereunto, by examining themselves of their being in Christ, of their sins and wants; of the truth and measure of their knowledge, faith, repentance; love to God and the brethren, charity to all men, forgiving those that have done them wrong; of their desires after Christ, and of their new obedience, and by renewing the exercise of these graces, by serious meditation, and fervent prayer.

WLC 172 May one who doubts of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation, come to the Lord's supper? A. One who doubts of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation to the sacrament of the Lord's supper, may have true interest in Christ, though he be not yet assured thereof; and in God's account hath it, if he be duly affected with the apprehension of the want of it, and unfeignedly desires to be found in Christ, and to depart from iniquity: in which case (because promises are made, and this sacrament is appointed, for the relief even of weak and doubting Christians) he is to bewail his unbelief, and labour to have his doubts resolved; and, so doing, he may and ought to come to the Lord's supper, that he may be further strengthened.

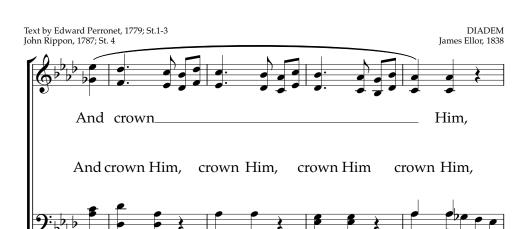
WLC 173 May any who profess his faith, and desire to come to the Lord's supper, be kept from it? A. Such as are found to be ignorant or scandalous, notwithstanding their profession of the faith, and desire to come to the Lord's supper, may and ought to be kept from that sacrament, by the power which Christ hath left in his church, until they receive instruction and manifest their reformation.

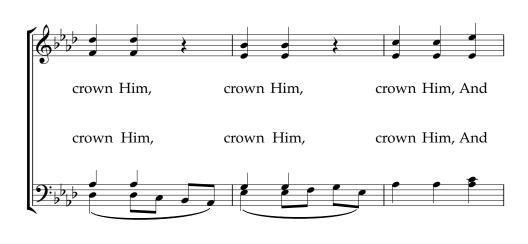
WLC 174 What is required of them that receive the sacrament of the Lord's supper in the time of the administration of it? A. It is required of them that receive the sacrament of the Lord's supper, that, during the time of the administration of it, with all holy reverence and attention they wait upon God in that ordinance, diligently observe the sacramental elements and actions, heedfully discern the Lord's body, and affectionately meditate on his death and sufferings, and thereby stir up themselves to a vigorous exercise of their graces; in judging themselves, and sorrowing for sin; in earnest hungering and thirsting after Christ, feeding on him by faith, receiving of his fulness, trusting in his merits, rejoicing in his love, giving thanks for his grace; in renewing of their covenant with God, and love to all the saints.

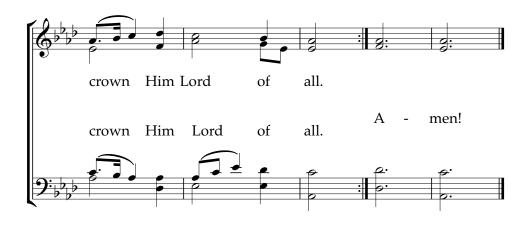
No 05 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross











SERMON NOTES

"Ye Are Gods" Psalm 82

A Plea for Justice A Psalm of Asaph.

1 God stands in the congregation of the mighty; He judges among the gods. 2 How long will you judge unjustly, And show partiality to the wicked? Selah 3 Defend the poor and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and needy. 4 Deliver the poor and needy; Free them from the hand of the wicked. 5 They do not know, nor do they understand; They walk about in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are unstable. 6 I said, "You are gods, And all of you are children of the Most High. 7 But you shall die like men, And fall like one of the princes." 8 Arise, O God, judge the earth; For You shall inherit all nations.

SERMON NOTES cont'd

"Ye Are Gods"

Psalm 82