Reformation Bible Church
Congregational Worship
October 31, 2021

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND TO HIS GREATNESS IN WORSHIP

We have thought, O God, on Your lovingkindness, in the midst of Your temple.

According to Your name, O God, so *is* Your praise to the ends of the earth;

Your right hand is full of righteousness.

Let Mount Zion rejoice,

let the daughters of Judah be glad,

because of Your judgments.

Walk about Zion,

and go all around her.

Count her towers;

and mark her bulwarks well;

Take note of the number of her palaces;

that you may tell it to the generation following.

For this God is, our God forever and ever; He will be our guide, even unto death itself.

Psalm 48:9-14

WE ARE COMMANDED TO SING PRAISES TO GOD

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! Because God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding. Psalm 47:6-7

Psalm 48B

The Lord's Prayer

(see insert)

GOD IS MERCIFUL AND FORGIVES THOSE WHO TURN TO HIM

You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, nor shall evil dwell with You. But as for me, I will come into Your house

in the multitude of Your mercy; Psalm 5:4,7a

WE ARE INSTRUCTED HOW TO LIVE AS A CHURCH FAMILY

For this reason we bow our knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant us, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith; that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that we may be filled with the fullness of God.

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. I, ... beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

from Ephesians 3:14-4:3 personalized

WE CONFESS OUR SINS WITH ASSURRANCE OF HIS MERCY

Corporate Confession Of Sin

Heavenly Father, we come today convicted by the prayer taught by Jesus that Your will is to be known and done by us here and now on earth just as it is to be done in heaven. We can pray that prayer, we can sing that prayer, and we can know what that prayer means, but we confess that we have not carefully embraced that holy command and high calling. We are so prone to think and act as though obedience to Your will today is nothing more than a nice ideal; but not expected of us now. Your command to seek to know and follow Your will on earth as it will be followed in heaven is not our serious conviction. In fact, it is not even a serious consideration. And because it is <u>not</u>, we ought to be convicted.

O Holy Spirit, move us in our inner man to live as true Christians and true churchmen. Help us! Change us! Turn us away from any and every low and unBiblical standard. Lift our affections and give us full commitment to Your Word and to Your church which Jesus bought with His own blood. Convince us of the high call and high privilege that we have in being in the church of true believers.

Take us, use us, move us, to serve You as people who desire Your will to be done above all else. Amen!

(Take a moment to continue praying to God in the privacy of your own heart.)

GOD UNFAILINGLY SAVES HIS PEOPLE BY THE WORK OF JESUS CHRIST

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; You are Mine. Isaiah 43:1b

You shall call His Name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins. Matthew 1:21

• CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who makes continual intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:31-39

Pastor: Are we saved by our faith and does faith make us right with God?

People of God: It is not because of any merit my faith has that God is pleased with me. Only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness

make me right with God, and I can receive this righteousness and make it

mine in no other way than by faith alone.

WE SING ABOUT JESUS, THE SAVIOR OF SINNERS

"How awesome is this place!
This is none other but the house of God,
and this is the gate of heaven!"
Psalm 95:1

"In Christ Alone"

(see insert)

THE ONE TRUE GOD HEARS US AS WE PRAY

WE EXPRESS OUR LOVE AND WORSHIP FOR GOD AND HIS CHURCH BY BRINGING THE WHOLE TITHE INTO THE STOREHOUSE

Bring the whole <u>tithes</u> into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. Malachi 3:10

GOD'S TRUTH COMES AS HIS WORD READ AND PREACHED

"Gather the people together, men and women and little ones, and the stranger who is within your gates, that they may hear and that they may learn to fear the LORD God and carefully observe all the words of this law, Deuteronomy 31:12

The Sermon: "Are You Ready To Protest?" Pastor Mike Chastain

(Take A Moment To Meditate And Apply God's Word To Your Life)

THE LORD REMINDS US OF HIS COVENANT LOVE BY CALLING HIS CHILDREN TO EAT AT HIS TABLE

- Explanation of the Sacrament
- We Contemplate His Work On Our Behalf "Ah, Holy Jesus"

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 #733

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

GREET ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE

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