Reformation Bible Church Congregational Worship November 28, 2021

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(Please be in your places and ready to worship by 10:00.)

The Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him. Habakkuk 2:20

GOD, THE TRUE GOD ALONE, IS WORTHY TO BE WORSHIPPED

Psalm 46

(Bold: Congregation)

God *is* our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear,

Even though the earth be removed,

And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though its waters roar and be troubled,

Though the mountains shake with its swelling.

There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.

> God *is* in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn.

> The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved;

He uttered His voice, the earth melted.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord,

Who has made desolations in the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two;

He burns the chariot in the fire.

Be still, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth!

The Lord of hosts is with us;

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

#### WE SING PRAISES TO GOD TO PLEASE HIM

"Why Do Heathen Nations Rage"

"The LORD Is King Indeed!"

Psalm 99C Psalm 2

GOD REMINDS US OF HIS MORAL AND JUDICIAL REQUIREMENTS
PHILIPPIANS 4:4-8

## (In Unison)

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

<sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand.

<sup>6</sup>Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

<sup>7</sup> and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brethren, whatever things are true,

whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely,

whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

<sup>9</sup>The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

# PREPARATION TO CONFESS OUR SIN

For I acknowledge my transgressions,
And my sin *is* always before me.
Against You, You only, have I sinned,
And done *this* evil in Your sight—
That You may be found just when You speak,
And blameless when You judge.
(Psalm 51:3-4)

# **CONGREGATIONAL CONFESSION OF SIN**

God of all holiness, we have broken Your righteous commandments.
Rather than rejoicing in our trials, we often fear or complain.
Rather than being reasonable, we often lack self-control.
Rather than offering up our desires to You in prayer, we often become anxious.

Rather than walking in the peace that You supply, we fail to trust you with our challenges in life.

Rather than thinking on what is pleasing to You, we allow our minds to wander into sinful thinking.

Rather than imitating the example of the godly, we often allow our lives to look like the world.

What can we do but turn to You for mercy?

What can we do but turn to You for forgiveness?

We confess that we have failed to keep the law that You have so graciously given us.

Please cleanse us by the blood of Your Son, Jesus.

Please renew our hearts and minds that we might live in a way that pleases You.

Please help us to teach others to live in a way that pleases You.

We need Your divine guidance to help us to rejoice in every circumstance.

We rejoice that the blood of Jesus takes away all of our sins! Amen.

(Please take time to confess your remaining sins in the secrecy of your heart.)

#### GOD ASSURES US OF HIS MERCY

Psalm 103:11-14

For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;

12 As far as the east is from the west,
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

13 As a father pities his children,
So the Lord pities those who fear Him.

14 For He knows our frame;
He remembers that we are dust.

#### **WE CONFESS OUR FAITH**

1 Timothy 3:16a
"By common confession,
GREAT IS THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS!"

# • Corporate Confession Of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

Born of the virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell\*.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,

The holy catholic church\*\*,

The communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body,

And the life everlasting. Amen.

# GOD IS EXALTED IN OUR SONG OF GRATTITUDE

"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"

Hymn #521

#### WE APPROACH THE LORD IN PRAYER TO EXALT HIM

1 Timothy 2:8

I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting...

# WE GIVE ATTENTION TO GOD'S WORD READ AND PREACHED

"Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged." Colossians 3:20-21

Pastor Ray Shores

# PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO THINK AND MEDITATE ON THE SERMON AND TO PREPARE FOR THE SUPPER OF THE LORD

# THE LORD REMINDS US OF HIS COVENANT LOVE FOR US

- Explanation of the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper
- We Contemplate Christ's Work On Our Behalf
   Psalm 22C
- The Words of Institution

"Do this . . . in remembrance of Me" -1

- 1 Cor. 11:25

- 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 Work On Our Behalf

Gloria Patri

## **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

#### GREET ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE

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<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Hell" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *hel*, which referred to the realm of the dead (or the grave). Christ descended into the grave.

<sup>\*\* &</sup>quot;Catholic" means "universal." This refers to the true Church of Christ made up of believers and their children at all times and in all places.