

Reformation Covenant Church Adult Sunday School

Worship & Liturgy

Week 4: Consecration & Commission

I. Review

a. Class Outline

- i. Week 1 – What Worship Is, Centrality of Worship, and The Regulative Principle
- ii. Week 2 – Intro to CRW and Call to Worship
- iii. Week 3 – Confession
- iv. *Week 4 – Consecration and Commission*
- v. Week 5 – Communion
- vi. Week 6 – Vestments: A Biblical case
- vii. Week 7 – Vestments: Practical considerations & Q&A

b. Five C's of Worship

- i. **Call** to Worship – God calls us out of the world to gather in His presence.
- ii. **Confession** and Forgiveness – God reminds us what He has done for us in Christ. We confess our sins and He absolves us of guilt.
- iii. **Consecration** – We are set apart for holy service as God speaks to us and teaches us through His Word. We respond by giving ourselves and our tithes as fitting offerings.
- iv. **Communion** – God invites us to commune with Him at his covenant meal, and we remember His covenant and enjoy His provisions.
- v. **Commission** – God blesses us and charges us to extend His kingdom into the future and the world, making disciples of all nations.

II. Consecration

a. Sursum Corda (“Lift up your _____”)

- i. Jeff Meyers: “by faith we understand that the roof of the Church has been rolled back not only to expose the heavenly service in progress but also to incorporate us into it. Cherubim and seraphim, angels and archangels, together with the church triumphant are now "visible" to the eye of faith. **Heaven and earth are now joined and we have been ushered into the festal assembly gathered around the throne of the Lamb** (Heb. 12:22-24; Rev. 4-5)”

b. Sanctus

c. The Reading of the Word

d. Sermon

- i. Romans 12:1b-2a – *“Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind”*

- ii. Hebrews 4:12 – *“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”*
- iii. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 – *“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*

e. Tithe

f. Great Prayer

- i. Hebrews 4:16 – *“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”*

III. Upcoming Changes to Consecration Section

a. Collect for the Day

b. Scripture Readings

- i. Rich Lusk – *“We read widely and extensively from Scripture each Lord’s Day because we desire to be a people saturated in and shaped by God’s Word (Dt. 6:6-9). By this Word we are converted (Ps. 19:7), convicted (Jer. 23:29), revived (Ps. 119:25), sanctified (Jn. 17:17), made wise (Ps. 19:7), and instructed in every good work (2 Tim. 3:14-17). The Word transforms our minds (Rom 12:1-2), affections (Ps. 119:103), and actions (Ps. 119:67).”*

c. Offertory Prayer

IV. Commission

a. Benediction

- i. Numbers 6 – *“The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, the Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.”*

b. Recessional

V. Changes for Commission

a. Announcements

b. “Receiving” the blessing

Additional Resources

Verses about being saturated and shaped by God's Word

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Psalms 19:7

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul;
The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

Jeremiah 23:29

"Is not My word like a fire?" says the Lord,
"And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

Psalms 119:25

My soul clings to the dust;
Revive me according to Your word.

John 17:17

Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

2 Tim. 3:14-17

But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Psalms 119:103

How sweet are Your words to my taste,
Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Psalms 119:67

Before I was afflicted I went astray,
But now I keep Your word.