

Reformation Bible Church

Congregational Worship

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PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable; in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth. All true! But He is also personally concerned with you, involved in your life, loves those who are His and wants to be loved and worshipped in return. As members of the people of God, you are given the great and happy privilege of giving yourself to Him. Come as a congregation and respond to His greatness in worship!

GOD GIVES US GREAT REASONS TO WORSHIP HIM IN AWE

*“Of old You laid the foundation of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of Your hands.*

They will perish, but You are eternal; they will all wear out like a garment.

*You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away,
but You are the same forever, and Your years have no end.*

*The children of Your servants shall dwell secure;
their offspring shall be established by You.*

Psalm 102:25-28

*Forever will I sing
of the everlasting love of the LORD;
To all generations I will declare
that your love stands firm forever.*

*The heavens will praise Your wonders, O LORD;
Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.
from Psalm 89*

*I am the LORD. I change not.
Malachi 3:6a*

*Because Jesus lives forever
His priesthood is unchanging.
Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.
Hebrews 7:24; 13:8*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GREATNESS AS WE SING TO HIS GLORY

*They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.*

Psalm 138: 5

Psalm 40E

“All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above” Hymn #4

WE ARE REMINDED THAT GOD’S LAW FOCUSES ON HIS GLORY

God Calls Us To The Highest Of Privileges

Thus says the LORD,

“Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom.

Let not the mighty man boast of his strength.

Let not the rich man boast of his wealth;

But let him who boasts boast in this;

*that he knows and understands Me, personally and practically,
directly discerning and recognizing My character,
that I am the LORD,*

*Who practices loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth,
for in these things I delight, says the LORD.”*

Jeremiah 9:23-24 (amp)

GOD GRANTS FORGIVENESS AS WE CONFESS OUR SINS

*“I come to acknowledge my sin to You,
and my iniquity I am not trying to hide;*

“I come to confess my transgressions to You Lord;”

And You will forgive the guilt of my sin.”

(based on) Psalm 32:5

• Corporate Confession of Sin

O LORD, we often sin by thinking thoughts of You which are not worthy of You because they do not conform to reality. Our thoughts of You are easily tainted with error. We abridge Your greatness by measuring anything about You by anything less than infinity. We lower You when we require You to conform to our standards or meet our demands. We easily rail against Your perfect providences in our lives by refusing to accept Your good, and acceptable and perfect will. As highly as we can think of You on our own, apart from the Scriptures to correct our thinking, we impose on You false limitations. We are not diligent to test and measure our lives, our attitudes and our doctrines by the revelation You have given of Yourself through Your Word. We do not diligently guard our minds from taking in unworthy thoughts about You. We undiscerningly listen to messengers of the world without measuring them by the Bible. In

this way we allow error, confusion, discontentedness and inconsistency to enter, and sometimes rule our lives.

We certainly need Your help to live our lives in conformity to Your will and Your Word. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive our pettiness. Thank You for Jesus who makes us new creatures so that we can bring glory to You in righteous living. We declare that all glory, honor, wisdom, and truth belong to You, O Lord!

Hallelujah! What a Savior You are! AMEN!

(We Confess Our Secret Sins In The Privacy Of Our Own Hearts)

GOD DECLARES HIS FORGIVENESS FOR US

*I have forgiven the iniquity of **My people**;*

I have covered all their sin.

I have held back My wrath;

I have turned from the fierceness of My anger.

Psalm 85:2 –3 (adapted)

*And you shall call His name Jesus,
for He will save His people from their sins.*

Matthew 1:21

• Corporate Confession of Faith

(from The Heidelberg Catechism – 1563 Q’s 21, 60, 61)

Pastor: What is True Faith?

Answer: 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 others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.

Pastor: How are you right with God?

People of God: We are right with God only through true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction,

righteousness, and holiness of Christ, so that God accepts me as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me.

Pastor: Why do you say that by faith alone you are 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 OF WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR OUR SOULS

*I will declare what He has done for my soul.
(from Psalm 66)*

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Hymn

#32

WE PRAY IN LOVE AND FAITH TO OUR WONDERFUL FORGIVING GOD

GOD INSTRUCTS US TO COME BEFORE HIM WITH OUR TITHES

... appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses: ...and do not appear before the LORD empty-handed. Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you.

Deuteronomy 16:16-17

GOD PROCLAIMS ABSOLUTE TRUTH THROUGH HIS TRUE WORD READ AND PREACHED

And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

Ezekiel 44:23

Sermon: Psalm 36

Pastor Mike Chastain

"Man's Nature, No Solutions. God's Nature, Real Solutions"

WE TAKE A MOMENT TO MEDITATE ON HOW TO APPLY WHAT WE HAVE HEARD AND BELIEVED

THE LORD REMINDS US OF HIS COVENANT LOVE BY GIVING HIMSELF FOR AND CALLING HIS CHILDREN TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

- Explanation of the Sacrament
- We Contemplate Christ's Work On Our Behalf
 - "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" 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 Work On Our Behalf

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CHARGE AND BLESSING

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