

*Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
Reformation Sunday, October 30, 2022
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
200 Chapel Drive
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Prelude: *Be Thou My Vision*

arr. by Teresa Patterson Wilhelmi

Welcome and Church Family News

Call to Worship # 466 *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

<https://youtu.be/OONIWKNNzfs> - Chancel Choir of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Sacramento, CA

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, o Lord, are Holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

Alleluia!

Call to Worship (Adapted from Isaiah 43)

Daniel Coffey

The Holy Spirit is moving; she inspires and enlightens:

God is moving, God is reforming.

From the very first of creation even until the ending of this world,

God is creating, God is transforming.

Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old:

God is renewing, God is rebirthing.

Behold, God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do we not perceive it?

God is moving, God is reforming! Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Praise Hymn of Praise # 275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN FESTE BURG, text & music by Martin Luther

<https://youtu.be/uBhVuCcz9GI> - Fountainview Academy, British Columbia, Canada

**A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing.**

**Our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.**

**For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe.**

**His craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.**

Dost ask who that may be?

Christ Jesus, it is he.

**Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.**

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also.
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.

Call to Confession (Adapted from Isaiah 1)

Hear these words from our God in scripture, "Come, let us reason together says the Lord: though your sins are as scarlet, I can make them white as snow. Though they be red as crimson, I can wash them clean." Trusting in this extraordinary gift of mercy and forgiveness, let us look to the One who can make this promise a reality. Let us pray.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Ever Reforming God, You have called us to act as redeemed people who have been transformed by your son, Jesus Christ, but we often fail to live into this calling. We fear the true cost of discipleship, we neglect to be stewards of this beautiful earth, we engage in divisive grandstanding, we prefer old broken ways over transformation while fearing new possibility. For these, and all other shortcomings, we confess our inability to change apart from your power and guidance. Reform us, oh God, into the more perfect images of Jesus Christ that we might better reflect your light into this world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Sisters and Brothers, hear this good news: Christ has become our Passover Lamb! He has freely given to us that which we could not obtain for ourselves: forgiveness of sins and removal of all shame.

All glory and honor and praise be to the Lamb of God who was dead but is alive forevermore!

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 581 Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

<https://youtu.be/OLLG1RuCLcM> - First United Methodist Church of Marietta, GA

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, amen.

Prayer for Illumination

God of Revelation, Instruct us in your Word that as the scriptures are read, and your word proclaimed, we may truly become your holy people. Remove all those things which hinder our hearts and our minds from hearing you speak until that day we see you face to face. Amen.

First Lesson: Psalm 46

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

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Selah

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”

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Choir Anthem: *The Time for Turning*

arr. by Craig Courtney

https://youtu.be/h_GLZcD7WTM - OMEA District 14 High School Honor Choir 2010-2011, Ohio

Second Lesson: New Testament passages the Reformers followed:

Matthew 11:29-30 - “Accept my teachings and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit, and you will find rest for your lives. The burden that I ask you to accept is easy; the load I give you to carry is light.”

Romans 1:17 - The righteous will live by faith.

2 Timothy 3:16 - All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Ephesians 2:8 - For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God’s gift....

1 Peter 2:5 - ...like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Reformed, always reforming

Rev. Maggie Lauterer

Hymn of Meditation # 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

OPEN MY EYES

<https://youtu.be/-PcYNJdxOCA> – First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.

Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes; illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear.

And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my ears; illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Affirmation 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.

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *As the Deer*

arr. by Douglas E. Wagner

Doxology *Doxology # 606 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

https://youtu.be/ILdeoa_2kdY - The St. Mary Magdalene Church Choir, Orange, California

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly hosts;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

God of Endless Bounty, you have showered us with gifts, both material and spiritual, and for this we give you thanks and return a small portion to you. Make us more conscience of how we can meet the needs of our suffering siblings, that we might show the world we are your servants and disciples. May these gifts which you have blessed transform all those they touch until that day when giving will be no longer needed and we worship you in glory, with all your children, forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn # 822 *When We Are Living*

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

<https://youtu.be/HBb-xZEem9g> - Strathroy United Church, Strathroy, Ontario, Canada

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying,
we belong to God; we belong to God.

Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God; we belong to God.

'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,
we belong to God; we belong to God.

Across this wide world, we shall always find
those who are crying with no peace of mind,
but when we help them, or when we feed them,
we belong to God; we belong to God.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: *Postlude in C*

by Henry Purcell