



Order of Worship

October 29, 2023 at 5:00 PM | Reformation Sunday

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

“It’s one thing to have a heart for your city.
It’s something else to have hands and feet for it.

If we want to move mountains tomorrow,
We might need to shovel some rocks today.

- Ian Simkins

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Call to Worship From Psalm 115

Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to Your name be the glory, because of Your love and faithfulness.

Why do the nations say, “Where is their God?” Our God is in heaven, He does whatever pleases Him!

The highest heavens belong to the LORD, but the earth He has given to man. It is not the dead who praise the LORD, those who go down to silence;

It is we who extol the LORD, both now and forevermore.

Hymn *My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*

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My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name

REFRAIN:

*On Christ the Solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In ev’ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil **(REFRAIN)**

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His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
Shen all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay **(REFRAIN)**

When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne **(REFRAIN)**

Invocation

Father, You give the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Come down, we pray, and feed Your people who are gathered and who hunger and thirst for Your Word. Amen.

Scripture Reading Galatians 2:17-21 (Pew Bible p. 973)

All men are like grass, their glory like flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall, **but the Word of the Lord stands forever.**

Confession and Repentance of God's People

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REFRAIN:

to be sung responsively on cue

O Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy up-on us. O

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy up-on us.

O God the Father, *have mercy upon us*;
Creator of Heaven and earth, *have mercy upon us.* **(REFRAIN)**

O God the Son, *have mercy upon us*;
Redeemer of the world, *have mercy upon us.* **(REFRAIN)**

O God the Holy Spirit, *have mercy upon us*;
Sanctifier of the faithful, *have mercy upon us.* **(REFRAIN)**

Holy blessed and glorious Trinity, one God: *have mercy upon us.* **(REFRAIN)**

Assurance of God's Pardon From Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!

Hymn *The Church's One Foundation*

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The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is His new creation by water and the Word
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride
With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died

Elect from every nation yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation one Lord one faith one birth
One holy name she blesses partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses with every grace endued

(Last two verses sung in unison)

'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest
And Christ's great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won
O happy ones and holy Lord give us grace that we
Like them the meek and lowly On high may dwell with Thee

Musical Reflection *Preserve Me, O God (Psalm 16 D)* ***(Music on Page 7)***

From the Book of Psalms for Worship

Preserve me O God for I'm trusting in You
"Yes, you are my master" I said to the LORD
Besides You I do not possess any good
In Your holy messengers I take delight

Those running to idols will multiply griefs
I will not pour out their drink off'rings of blood
Nor will I confess their vain names with my lips
The LORD's my inherited portion and cup

You care for my lot where the lines fell to me
My pleasant and lovely inherited land
The LORD who gives counsel to me I will bless
For surely my mind teaches me through the night

The LORD ever present before me I keep
He stands at my right hand I shall not be moved
My glory rejoices my heart is made glad
And also my flesh will live safely at ease

For You'll not abandon my soul to the grave
Your godly One you will preserve from decay
Life's path You will show me full joy is with You
Your right hand holds pleasures for me evermore

Prayers of the People

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who are suffering this evening in body, mind, or Spirit. Will You give them Your grace in their sufferings. We ask You, our loving Father, to provide the joy of their salvation in Christ.

(Silently pray for those who are suffering...)

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide Your churches throughout the world. We pray particularly tonight for the Presbyterian Church in America and the Free Church of Scotland. May the churches in our presbyteries and denominations act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You.

(Silently pray for our church leaders...)

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring Your peace to this Earth. We pray especially this evening for Your kingdom to come and Your will to be done in the Middle East. We ask that Your wisdom will be revealed for civil leaders throughout this world. May Your Word be honored and obeyed in all places.

(Silently pray for God's peace...)

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless the children of our church tonight. Give them the spiritual eyes to see the love You have for them in Christ. Protect them from the forces of evil in this world. May they grow to stand upon Your truth. Give them godly mentors in our faith and a love for Your church. Work in their lives so that they may love Your promises to them...

(Silently pray for the children of our church...)

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Oh God, there is perfect unity within the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We pray that Your people will be one, just as You are one. May we be humble as we consider Your love for us in Christ. May we be unified in our joy of You this evening!

(Silently pray for God's blessing of unity...)

Musical Reflection *All Will Be Peace*

Erik Dewar

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A kingdom is coming where all will be right; injustice and stuff'ring will end. For God will deliver the poor and contrite; the meek of the earth He'll defend. Then Jesus the Righteous will speak for His Word, and none of the wicked will stand. He'll answer our cries that we thought went unheard, and all will be peace in that land. The nations will fashion their swords into shears, no longer preparing for war. New plows will be made from the last of the spears, and no one will fear anymore. Then mountains will sing as we go out with joy, while trees of the field clap their hands. And no one in Zion will hurt or destroy, for all will be peace in that land. Instead of the briar the myrtle will grow; the cypress instead of the thorn. And so, living water forever will flow when all that was cursed is reborn. The beasts will not kill but be led by a child; the wolf will lie down with the lamb. The calf and the lion will graze in the wild, for all will be peace in that land. From least to the greatest we'll all know the Lord, and ever His people we'll be. The earth will be filled with the knowledge of God, like waters that cover the sea. And Jesus will wipe ev'ry tear from our eyes, as God makes His dwelling with man. Then death, pain, and ev'ry last sorrow will die, and all will be peace in that land.

Sermon Andy Longwe

“Shaken But Singing”

Psalm 46 (p. 471)

Hymn *Ancient Of Days (Music on Back Cover)*

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Though the nations rage kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King reigning over all
So I will not fear for this truth remains
That my God is the Ancient of Days

REFRAIN:

*None above Him none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power all the glory I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of days*

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul
He is here with me I am not alone
O His love is sure and He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days **(REFRAIN)**

Though I may not see what the future brings
I will watch and wait for the Saviour King
Then my joy complete standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days **(REFRAIN)**

Preserve Me, O God (Psalm 16 D)

From the Book of Psalms for Worship

Tune by Don McCrory

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1. Pre - serve me, O God, for I'm trust - ing in You. "Yes,
2. Those run - ning to i - dols will mul - ti - ply griefs. I
3. You__ care for my lot, where the lines fell to me, My
4. The__ Lord ev - er pres - ent be - fore me I keep. He
5. For__ You'll not a - ban - don my soul to the grace, Your



You are my Mas - ter," I said to the Lord; Be -
will not pour out their drink of - f'rings of blood, Nor__
pleas - ant and love - ly in - her - it - ed land. The__
stands at my right hand; I shall not be moved. My__
God - ly One You will pre - serve from de - cay. Life's



sides You I do not pos - sess an - y good. In
will I con - fess their vain names with my lips. The
Lord who gives coun - sel to me I will bless, for
glo - ry re - joi - ces my heart is made glad; and
path You will show me; full joy is with You; Your



Your ho - ly mes - sen - gers I take de - light.
Lord's my in - her - i - ted por - tion and cup.
sure - ly my mind teach - es me through the night.
al - so my flesh will live safe - ly at ease.
right hand holds pleas - ures for me ev - er more.

Ancient Of Days

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Though the na - tions rage, king - doms rise and
Though the dread of night o - ver whelms my
Though I may not see what the fu - ture
fall, there is still one King reign - ing o - ver
soul, He is here with me. I am not a -
brings, I will watch and wait for the Sav - ior
all. So, I will not fear for this truth re -
lone. Oh, His love is sure, and He knows my
King. Then, my joy com - plete, stand - ing face to
mains: that my God is the An - cient of Days. *None a -*
name. For my God is the An - cient of Days.
face in the pres - ence of the An - cient of Days.
bove Him, none be - fore Him. All of time in His hands. For His
throne, it shall re - main and ev - er stand. All the
pow - er, all the glo - ry, I will trust in His name. For my
God is the An - cient of Days.