

Call to Worship

Call to Worship: *Psalms 46:10, 11*

“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 fortress.

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Hymn of the Reformation: *A Mighty Fortress*

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 pow’r 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 pow’rs, 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.

Words and music by Martin Luther, 1483-1546, alt. tune
Translation by Frederick H. Hedge, 1805-1890

Sola Scriptura—Scripture Alone

Hymn of Scripture: *Laden with Guilt and Full of Fears*

Laden with guilt and full of fears, I fly to Thee my Lord;
And not a glimpse of hope appears, but in Thy written Word
The volumes of my Father’s grace does all my griefs assuage.
Here I behold my Savior’s face in every page.

This is the field where hidden lies the pearl of price unknown,
That merchant is divinely wise, who makes the pearl his own;
Here consecrated water flows to quench my thirst of sin.
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows; no danger dwells within.

This is the judge that ends the strife where wit and reason fail,
My guide to everlasting life through all this gloomy vale.
Oh may Thy counsels, mighty God, my roving feet command,
Nor I forsake the happy road that leads to Thy right hand.

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Prayer of Blessing

Solus Christus—Christ Alone

Responsive Reading: *Romans 5:12-21*

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass.

For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Offertory Hymn of Christ: *In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song,
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone!—who took on flesh—
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand,
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow’r of Christ I'll stand.

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Prayer of Corporate Confession

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 1:16, 17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

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Sola Gratia—Grace Alone

Hymn of Grace: *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*

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1. Dear Christ - ians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion
2. Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death brood - ed dark - ly
3. But God be - held my wretch - ed state Be - fore the world's foun -
4. He spake to his be - lov - ed Son: 'Tis time to take com -

spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly rap - ture
o'er - me, Sin was my tor - ment night and day; in sin my moth - er
da - tion, And, mind - ful of his mer - cies great, He planned for my sal -
pass - ion; Then go, bright je - wel of my crown, And bring to man sal -

sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God hath done, How his right arm the
bore - me, Yea, deep and deep - er still I fell; Life had be - come a
va - tion. He turned to me a Fa - ther's heart, He did not choose the
va - tion; From sin and sor - row set him free, Slay bit - ter death for

vic - t'ry won; Right dear - ly it hath cost - him.
liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed - me.
eas - y part, But gave his dear - est Trea - sure.
him, that he May live with thee for - ev - er.

Martin Luther, 1483-1546
Etlich Christlich Lieder, Wittenberg, 1524.
Translation by Richard Massie, 1800-1887, alt.

Sola Fide—Faith Alone

Confession of Faith: *Westminster Shorter Catechism*

Question 33: What is justification?

Answer: **Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.**

Soli Deo Gloria—The Glory of God Alone

Hymn of Glory: *Reformation Hymn**

REFORMATION HYMN

Words and Music by Chris Anderson and Bob Kaufflin

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1. We will trust God's Word a-lone, where His
2. We are saved by grace a-lone- un - de-
per - fect will is known; Our tra - di - tions shift like sand while His truth for - ev - er
served, yet free - ly shown; No ac - com - plish - ment on earth can a - chieve the sec - ond
stands. We will live by faith a-lone, clothed in mer - it not our own; All we
birth. We will stand on Christ a-lone, the un - yield - ing Cor - ner - stone; Na - tions
claim is Je - sus Christ and his fin - ished sac - ri - fice. Glo - ry
rage and dev - ils roar, still He reigns for - ev - er - more!
be, glo - ry be to God a - lone through the Church He re -
deemed and made His own. He has freed us, He will keep us till we're
safe - ly home, Glo - ry be, glo - ry be to God a - lone!

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Christ, having been made ours, makes us sharers with him in the gifts with which he has been endowed. We do not, therefore, contemplate him outside ourselves from afar in order that his righteousness may be imputed to us but because we put on Christ and are engrafted into his body—in short, because he deigns to make us one with him. For this reason, we glory that we have fellowship of righteousness with him.

John Calvin