

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REFORMATION SUNDAY ❖ October 31, 2010 ❖ 10:30 AM

A Word to Worshippers

The legendary account tells us that one cool October 31st in 1517, the priest Martin Luther defiantly nailed his protest notice to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. These *Ninety-five Theses* were a list of abuses and errors that he understood were a corruption of the purpose and mission of the Church. Perhaps the list was not a defiant protest as much as it was a sincere call for the Church to begin addressing some of its problems that Luther felt had obscured the Gospel message.

Luther hoped that his *Theses* would be seen and discussed as a step toward renewal of the Church, so that people might know the truth about God's forgiveness for their lives. The powerful passage from Romans 3:19-28 had fired his soul and he was so overflowing with joy after years of guilt and a need for forgiveness that he had to share the truth with all that he could. Little did he know the enormous impact on the world that his one simple act would have. His willingness to stand up to pope and emperor in the name of the Gospel of Christ changed the face of history, and the face and direction of the entire Christian Church. Although his intent was to effect reform within the Catholic Church, Luther was used of God to ignite a protest that produced separate branches of Christianity. Hence, the term Protestants.

The early reformers included Martin Luther, John Calvin, Ulrich Zwingli, Heinrich Bullinger and John Knox. While Luther was the catalyst that exploded the movement, Calvin was its chief theologian, systematizing the biblical truths rediscovered from the scriptures. The Scottish Reformation, initiated in 1560 and led by John Knox, was Calvinist, and throughout the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, the Church of Scotland maintained this theology.

Key aspects of reformed theology include the authority of scripture and the doctrines of grace. These focus on the sovereignty of God's grace, especially in salvation.

Sometimes these cries of the Reformation are expressed in Latin as:

- *Sola Scriptura* - scripture alone
- *Sola Fide* - faith alone
- *Sola Gratia* - grace alone
- *Sola Christus* - Christ alone
- *Sola Deo Gloria* - glory to God alone

Meditations for Worship

"The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him, his rage we can endure..." Martin Luther

God examineth with trials, the devil examineth with temptations, the world examineth with persecutions.

Henry Smith

Prelude

"Highland Cathedral"

Douglass McFarland, organist; Helen Primozic, bagpipe

Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. John R. McCracken

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 123

Minister: I lift up my eyes to You, to You whose throne is in heaven.

People: **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant look to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he has mercy upon us.**

Minister: Have mercy on us, O LORD, have mercy on us, for we have endured much contempt. We have endured much ridicule from the proud, much contempt from the arrogant.

People: **We lift up our eyes to You, to You whose throne is in heaven.**

***Hymn of Adoration, No 92**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN FESTE BURG

***Prayer of Adoration**

The Rev. Michael Wichlan

Children's Prayer

"Our Father in Heaven"

Nan Grantham

"The Joyful Noises", Bob Gehman, director

Our Father in heaven, your name be honored as holy. Your kingdom come; your will be done; your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

"In Christ Alone"

Stuart Townend, Keith Getty

1. In Christ a - lone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in

song; this cor - ner stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and
Babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to
slain; then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the grave He rose a -
me. From life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com - mands my de - sti -

storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
save. 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
ny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from his

cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
me; for I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
hand. 'till he re - turns and calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

*Affirmation of Faith

II Timothy 2: 1-13

Mr. Wichlan

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, for whom I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the Word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

If we endure, we will also reign with him:

If we deny him, he also will deny us:

If we are faithless, he remains faithful--for he cannot deny himself.

***Hymn of Commitment "Amazing Grace--Am I a Soldier of the Cross" John Newton, Issac Watts**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost but now am found, 'twas blind but now I see.

Am I a soldier of the cross, a follower of the Lamb,
and shall I fear to own his cause, or blush to speak his name?

Must I be carried to the skies on flow'ry beds of ease,
while others fought to win the prize, and sailed through bloody seas?

Sure I must fight if I would reign: increase my courage, Lord;
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain, supported by your Word.

When that illustrious day shall rise, and all your armies shine
in robes of vict'ry through the skies, the glory shall be thine.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Chuck Rehlin, *Ruling Elder*

Father, you have called us to follow you and live counter-cultural lives.
You have called us to let you shape our dreams, our goals, our desires and our hearts.
However, we come to you this morning confessing
that we have allowed our world to shape us instead of you.
Where you desire us to serve, we have sought to be served.
Where you desire us to sacrifice, we have pursued comfort.
Where you have sought us to engage, we have remained aloof.
Where you have sought us as your children, we have lived as orphans.
Now, Father, accept our confession and receive us gladly. We ask this not upon our
deserving it, or even the honesty of our confession, but for the sake of Jesus.
You rejected Him, the innocent, in order to embrace us, the guilty. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

from Psalm 91

Elder: *Hear what strong words of comfort the Lord gives to all those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ:*

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High rests under the shadow of the Almighty. He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust." Because he is bound to me in love, therefore I will deliver him; I will protect him because he knows my Name. With long life I will satisfy him, and show him my salvation."

My friends, I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

Mr. Rehlin

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Musical Offering

"Thy Holy Wings"

Swedish Folk Tune,

Text: Caroline V. Sandell-Berg

Trinity Choir; flute, Jessica Van der Molen, Bass, Graham Eubanks arr. Emma Lou Diemer

Thy holy wings, dear Savior, spread gently over me; and through the long night watches I'll rest secure in thee. Whatever may betide me, be thou my hiding place. And let me live and labor each day, Lord, by thy grace. Thy pardon, Savior, grant me, and cleanse me in thy blood; give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good. O take into thy keeping Thy children great and small. And while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all. Thy holy wings, dear Savior, spread gently over me; and through the long night watches I'll rest secure in thee. O take into thy keeping Thy children great and small. And while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

The Offering Consecration

The Rev. Patrick Poteet

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Global Outreach through "Operation Christmas Child"

Mr. Ed Elliott

***The Passing of the Peace**

Mr. Poteet

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Service of Friendship

Children between the ages of 4 through 1st grade may now be dismissed for Celebration Chapel, Room 101.

Please locate the black Friendship Pad at the left end of your row, fill it out and pass it down. When it arrives at the other end of the row, pass it back, taking note of those who are seated in your row.

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Mr. McCracken

***Scripture Reading**

James 1:12-21

ESV Pew Bible, pg. 1011

The Morning Sermon

"The Enduring Community"

***Hymn of Response No. 604**

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

MARION

***The Charge and Benediction**

Mr. McCracken

Minister: Resist the devil, stand firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

I Peter 5:9

People: With God's help we will.

Minister: And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. *I Peter 5:10-11*

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

***Postlude**

Douglass McFarland, organist

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