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Preparation for Worship

As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

Today is Reformation Sunday when we remember and celebrate Martin Luther nailing his 95 *Theses* to the door of the Wittenberg Church on October 31, 1517.

Luther, John Calvin, and other Reformers were guided by the conviction that the church of their day had drifted away from the essential, original teachings of Christianity. Guided by their conviction, they sought to reorient Christianity on the original message of Jesus and the early church.

The five Solas are Latin phrases (or slogans) that emerged during the Reformation to summarize the Reformers' theological convictions about the essentials of Christianity.

- **1. Sola Scriptura** (*Scripture Alone*): The Bible alone is our highest authority.
- 2. Sola Fide (Faith Alone): We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ.
- 3. Sola Gratia (Grace Alone): We are saved by the grace of God alone.
- 4. Solus Christus (Christ Alone): Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Savior, and King.
- **5. Soli Deo Gloria** (*To the Glory of God Alone*): We live for the glory of God alone.

Reformation Sunday helps to crystallize the essence of the biblical Gospel that we cherish at Second. May we hold fast to the Word of God, rest in the Gospel of Christ, and live glory of our great and gracious God!

GLORIFYING GOD ALONE

BRASS AND ORGAN PRELUDE: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" . . . Charles Callahan Caroline Kinsey, French horn

Come to him, the living Stone — rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him

As his holy priesthood, we gather to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Come to him as his chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession

Let us declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 92 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" EIN' FESTE BURG

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" is our hymn of the month.

Spirit and Song Choir sings stanza 1:

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

His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, On earth is not His equal.

♦Congregation stands and sings stanzas 2-4

♦INVOCATION (Please lift hands)

Why do you say that you are righteous only by faith?

Not that I am acceptable to God on account of the worthiness of my faith, for only the satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ is my righteousness before God. I can receive this righteousness and make it my own by faith only.

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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.

Trusting Grace Alone through Faith Alone in Christ Alone

ANTHEM OF PRAISE: "My Heart Is Ready to Sing".......................Robert Leaf

My heart is ready, ready to sing, ready to sing to God my praise! I will awake, awake with the dawn, morning will hear my song; I will give thanks, thanksgiving to God, I will give thanks to God.

For God's love is greater than the heavens, And God's truth is higher than the sky.

My heart is ready, ready to sing, ready to sing to God my praise! I will sing praises, praises to God, praises for all to hear. Now may the glory, glory of God spread over all the earth.

Today to God I sing!

Spirit and Song Choir Christy Young, director Mary Lawrence Flinn, accompanist

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our heavenly Father,
how comforting to know that You declare sinners like us
completely forgiven, totally accepted, and profoundly loved
through faith in Jesus Christ alone.
Forgive us for seeking refuge and security
in other things and people rather than in You.
Pardon us for living in the bondage of sin's dominion
rather than in the security of Your love.
Deliver us from our unbelief of Your promises
and our unwillingness to love others
as You have loved us.
Have mercy on us for seeking our own glory
rather than living for Yours.
For we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON..... Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

Choir:

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 ev'ry 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 ev'ry grace endued.

Tho' with a scornful wonder, men see her sore oppressed, By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

♦Congregation stands and sings:

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.

The Chancel Choir Calvin Ellis, director

♦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING.....Brett Wynne

†GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

Hearing the Scriptures Alone as the Word of God

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (please stand)

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

♦HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Speak, O Lord" Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON The Church Is Built Upon the Word George Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

†HYMN OF COMMITMENT:

†BENEDICTION (please raise hands)

¢CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow"..... Fred Bock

♦ Indicates congregation standing

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Instrumentalists: John Schuesselin, Benjamin Lewis, Greg Luscombe, Mark Vail, Nathan DuVall, Caroline Kinsey, Frank Shaffer

Reformation Service

This evening at 6:00, Second will host the annual Community Reformation Service with several of our sister churches. Choirs from these churches will join in our choir loft with a brass orchestra to commemorate this significant day in the Church's reformation. Pastor George Robertson will preach. We hope you'll join us in celebration of this special event in Church history.

- I. Hearing the Word (vv. 1-10)
 - A. The Rest of the Story (1-7)
 - B. The Work of Listening (8-10)
- II. Practicing the Word (vv. 11-20)
 - A. Contrast (11-17)
 - B. Results (18-20)
- III. Suffering for the Word (vv. 21-41)
 - A. What would happen if?
 - B. What does happen when?

Getting Connected at Second

A pastor will be available after the service to pray for you in the Gathering Room, located on the left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary. To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, or for help with specific concerns, you may contact a member of our pastoral team listed below by calling (901) 454-0034 or emailing firstname.lastname@2pc.org.

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