



C O M M U N I T Y  
Reformation Service

ORDER *for the*  
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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6:00 p.m.



# COMMUNITY Reformation Service

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## *Order for the Public Worship of God*

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” . . . . .arr. W.T. Allen

CHORAL INTROIT:

“Let All the World in Every Corner Sing” . . . . . Ralph Vaughan Williams  
text by George Herbert

*Let all the world in every corner sing, “My God and King!”*

The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly;  
The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.

The Church with Psalms must shout, nor door can keep them out:  
But above all the hear must bear the longest part.

✦CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . .Rev. Ed Eubanks  
*Trinity Reformed Church*

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you.**

God is our refugee and strength,

**A very present help in trouble.**

Be still and know that I am God.

**I will be exalted among the nations.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;

**the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

✦HYMN No. 92: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” . . . . .EIN’ FESTE BURG  
arr. Paul Roberts

INVOCATION AND WORDS OF GREETING . . . . .Dr. George Robertson  
*Second Presbyterian Church*

# *Sola Scriptura*

(the Scriptures alone)

GENEVA CONFESSION (1536/37), Section 1 . . . . . Rev. Christopher Neiswonger  
*Graceview Presbyterian Church*

First we declare that for the rule of faith and religion, we wish to follow the Scriptures alone, without mixing with it any other thing which might be fabricated by the opinion of men apart from the Word of God; and we do not pretend to receive any other doctrine for our spiritual government than that which is taught us by the same Word, without addition or reduction, according to the command of our Lord.

**“You have been born again,  
not of perishable seed but of imperishable,  
through the living and abiding word of God;  
for ‘All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers, and the flower falls,  
but the word of the Lord remains forever.’”** *I Peter 1:23-25*

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON . . . . . Phil Newton  
*Based on Bucer’s Strasbourg Liturgy (1539)* *South Woods Baptist Church*

As the word trains us in righteousness, let us make confession to the Lord:

**Almighty, eternal God and Father,  
we confess and acknowledge unto You  
that we were conceived in unrighteousness  
and are full of sin and transgression in all our life.  
We do not fully believe Your Word  
nor follow Your holy commandments.  
Remember Your goodness, we beseech You,  
and for Your Name’s sake be gracious unto us,  
and forgive us our iniquity which, alas, is great. Amen.**

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,  
being justified as a gift by his grace  
through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.” *Romans 3:23-24*

Let everyone truly acknowledge this in his heart,  
believe in Christ, and receive the forgiveness of sins.

✠HYMN OF TESTIMONY: “Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice” . . MIT FREUDEN ZART  
Martin Luther  
arr. Samuel Metzger

Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, with exultation springing,  
And with united heart and voice and holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done, how His right arm the vict’ry won.  
What price our ransom cost Him!

Fast bound in Satan’s chains I lay, death brooded darkly o’er me,  
Sin was my torment night and day; in sin my mother bore me.  
But daily deeper still I fell; my life became a living hell,  
So firmly sin possessed me.

But God beheld my wretched state before the world’s foundation,  
And mindful of His mercies great, He planned for my salvation.  
He turned to me a Father’s heart; He did not choose the easy part  
But gave His dearest treasure.

God sent then His beloved Son to show to men compassion.  
He came, bright jewel of God’s own crown, to bring to us salvation;  
From sin and guilt to set us free, He died for us on Calvary  
That we might live forever!

# *Sola Gratia Sola Fide*

(Grace alone through Faith alone)

✦HEIDELBERG CATECHISM (1563), Answer 21 . . . . . Rev. Robert Browning  
*Independent Presbyterian Church*

True faith is not only a certain knowledge, whereby I hold for truth all that God has revealed to us in His word, but also an assured confidence, which the Holy Spirit works by the gospel in my heart; that not only to others, but to me also, remission of sin, everlasting righteousness and salvation, are freely given by God, merely of grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits.

**“Nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified  
by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus,  
even we have believed in Christ Jesus,  
that we may be justified by faith in Christ,  
and not by the works of the law;  
since by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified.”** *Galatians 2:16*

# *Solus Christus*

(Christ alone)

✦WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH (1646), VIII.1  
LONDON BAPTIST CONFESSION OF FAITH (1689), VIII.1 . . Rev. Randy McLendon  
*Trinity Reformed Baptist Church*

It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of His Church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom He did from all eternity give a people, to be His seed, and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

**“For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men,  
the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all...,  
and you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God,  
righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written,  
‘Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.’”** *I Timothy 2:5-6a; I Corinthians 1:30-31*

✦HYMN: “Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery” . . . . . arr. Dan Kreider  
Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Michael Bleecker

**Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry, in the dawning of the King;  
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come;  
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.**

**Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry, He the perfect Son of Man;  
In His living, in His suff'ring never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man;  
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the Law, in Him we stand.**

**Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry, Christ the Lord upon the tree,  
In the stead of ruined sinners, hangs the Lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold;  
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.**

**Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry, slain by death the God of life;  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord, He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope:  
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes.**

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# *Soli Deo Gloria*

(Glory to God alone)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER. . . . Rev. Michael Davis  
*Downtown Church*

**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.**

SERMON: "The Jesus Gospel" Luke 4:18-30. . . . . Dr. George Robertson  
*Second Presbyterian Church*

CHORAL ANTHEM: "Praise His Holy Name" . . . . . Keith Hampton  
arr. Paul Roberts

Sing till the power of the Lord come down.  
Shout Hallelujah! Praise His holy name!

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.  
Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee!  
Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy Name!

Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?  
No, there's a cross for everyone and there's a cross for me.  
Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee!  
Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy Name!

Holy Jesus, let us praise His Name  
Hallelujah, Lord! Praise His Holy Name!  
Oh, oh, praise His Holy Name! Praise Him!

*Brittany Sims, soloist*

✠ CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed. . . . . Rev. Kent Moorlach  
*Richland Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church*

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of the Father before all worlds;  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who, for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;  
and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life;  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son  
together is worshipped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

CHORAL ANTHEM: “The Church’s One Foundation” . . . . . arr. Dan Forrest

*Congregation remains seated and sings:*

**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.**

*Choir:*

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.  
  
Though 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!**

✦ BENEDICTION: Number 6:24-26 . . . . . Rev. Cole Huffman  
*First Evangelical Church*

*“The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.”*

ORGAN AND BRASS POSTLUDE: “Crown, Him with Many Crowns” . . .Lloyd Larson

✦ *Indicates congregation standing*

**Reception**

Please join us following the service for refreshments  
in the lobby just west of the Sanctuary middle doors.

**Participating Churches**

Downtown Church, Memphis; First Evangelical Church, Memphis; Grace Church, Memphis;  
Grace Community Church, Cordova; Graceview Presbyterian Church, Southaven;  
Hickory Withe Presbyterian Church, Hickory Withe; Independent Presbyterian Church, Memphis;  
Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church, Bartlett; Richland Associate Reformed Presbyterian,  
Rosemark; Riveroaks Reformed Presbyterian Church, Germantown; Second Presbyterian Church,  
Memphis; South Woods Baptist Church, Memphis; The Avenue Community Church, Memphis;  
Trinity Reformed Baptist Church, Bartlett; Trinity Reformed Church, Rossville

**Musicians**

James Brown, Jennifer Velazquez, and Harrison Howle, *Independent Presbyterian Church*;  
Ken Boer and Ron Man, *First Evangelical Church*; Jim Carnes, *South Woods Baptist Church*;  
Molly Pennington and Ginger Statom, *Riveroaks Reformed Presbyterian Church*;  
Philip Himebook, *Grace Community Church*; Samuel Metzger, Calvin Ellis,  
Paul Roberts, Brad Jones, and Ethan Knight, *Second Presbyterian Church*



*After Darkness, Light*

The Latin phrase *Post Tenebras Lux* is translated, “After Darkness, Light.” This was adopted as a motto for the Reformation in Geneva, Switzerland, and was eventually used by Protestants as an expression of hope that the light of the Gospel will break through the darkness that sometimes envelopes the church. The symbol of the burning bush refers to Moses’ encounter in Exodus 3:2. This was adopted by the French Huguenots at the time of the Reformation, reminding us that the light of the Gospel will not be extinguished. The great Scottish preacher Samuel Rutherford once said, “The bush has been burning these five thousand years, and no man yet saw the ashes of that fire.”