

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 27th, 2013

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday

A Celebration of Banners and Creeds

Organ Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Four Cents A Meal Offering

Chris Schooley

Congregational Call to Worship (Hebrews 4:12)

ONE: And what of ourselves? With all these witnesses to faith around us like a cloud.

ALL: We must throw off every encumbrance, every sin to which we cling, and run with resolution the race for which we are entered, our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom faith depends from start to finish.

ONE: Come my friends, be filled with the presence of God in worship.

•Hymn 485 "To God Be the Glory"

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Prayer of Confession

God of our forbearers: You rose up brave men and women to reform the church. We confess that we have lost our way again, and need new reformation. We are content with easy religion; with too much money and too little charity, we cultivate indifference. Lord, let Your word shake us up, and Your Spirit renew us, so that we may repent, have better faith, and never shrink from sacrifice; in the name of Jesus the Christ. AMEN!

Assurance of Pardon

ONE: If a man or woman is in Christ, a new person is formed.

ALL: The past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new.

ONE: My friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. AMEN and AMEN!

• Gloria Patri

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The Offering

•Doxology (#592)

•Prayer of Dedication

Collect for Reformation Sunday

God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob and Leah and Rachael; God of prophets and martyrs: Give us courage to obey Your word, and power to renew Your church, so that we may live in Your Spirit, sharing faith with Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Scripture: Hebrews 11 and 12

Jeannie Lee

ONE: The Word of God for the People of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

The Nicene and the Apostles' Creeds

ONE: Let us honor the Nicene and the Apostles' Creeds.

ALL: We believe in one God and Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten son of God, begotten by 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.

The Explanation of the Creeds and Banners

Hymn 441 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" (verses 1 and 2)

ST. THOMAS

The Scots' Confession

ONE: Bring forth the Banner for the Scots' Confession.

ALL: As we believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning, there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be one Kirk, who rightly worship and embrace Him by faith in Jesus Christ, who is the only Head of the Kirk, even as it is the body and spouse of Jesus Christ.

The Explanation of the Confession and Banner

Hymn 170 “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” (verses 1, 3, and 5)
CRIMOND

The Heidelberg Catechism and The Second Helvetic Confession

ONE: Bring forth the Banners for the Heidelberg Catechism and the Second Helvetic Confession.

ALL: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

ONE: That I belong body and soul, in life and death - not to myself, but to my faithful Savior; Jesus Christ, who at the cost of His own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil.

ALL: How many things must you know that you may live and die in the blessedness of this comfort?

ONE: Three. First, the greatness of my sin and wretchedness. Second, how I am freed from all my sins and their wretched consequences. Third, what gratitude I owe God for such Redemption.

The Explanation of the Catechism and the Confession

Hymn 260 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (verses 1 and 4) EIN’ FESTE BURG

The Westminster Confession of Faith and Shorter Catechism

ONE: Bring forth the Banner for the Westminster Confession of Faith.

ALL: What is the chief end of man?

ONE: The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

ALL: What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify Him and enjoy Him?

ONE: The word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy Him.

The Explanation of the Westminster Confession and Catechism

Hymn 457 “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art” (verses 1 and 3)
TOULON

The Theological Declaration of Barmen

ONE: Bring forth the Banner for the Theological Declaration of Barmen.

ALL: The church’s commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of free grace of God to all people. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church in human arrogance could place the work and word of the Lord in the service of any arbitrarily chosen desire, purpose or plans.

The Explanation of the Declaration and Banner

Hymn 420 “God of Grace and God of Glory” (verses 1, 3 and 5)
CWM RHONDDA

The Confession of 1967

ONE: Bring forth the Banner of the Confession of 1967.

ALL: To be reconciled to God, is to be sent into the world as His reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation, and shares His labor of healing the enmities which separate men from God, and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission, and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Explanation of the Confession of 1967

The Brief Statement of Faith

ONE: Bring forth the Banner for the Brief Statement of Faith.

ALL: In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; the love of God; and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we believe in the one triune God, in whom alone we trust.

The Explanation of the Brief Statement of Faith

Hymn 371 “Lift High the Cross”
CRUCIFER

•Litany of the Names of the Church

ONE: God of Abraham and Sarah, of apostles and prophets; in every age, You have picked out people to work for You, showing justice, doing mercy, and directing all. Let the church share Christ's own work reconciling the world to Your law and Your love, and telling Your mighty power.

ALL: We are a chosen people.

ONE: You have called us out of the world, O God, and chosen us to be a witness to nations. Give us Holy Spirit to show the way, the truth and the life of our Savior Jesus Christ.

ALL: Forgive silence and stubbornness. Help us to be Your chosen people.

ONE: Give thanks to God for the church of Jesus Christ.

ALL: We are a royal priesthood.

ONE: You have appointed us a priesthood, O God, to pray for all people and declare your mercy. Give us Holy Spirit, that, sacrificing ourselves for neighbors in love, they may be drawn to you, and to each other.

ALL: Forgive hypocrisy and lazy prayers. Help us to be your royal priesthood.

ONE: Give thanks to God for the church of Jesus Christ.

ALL: We are the household of God.

ONE: You have baptized us into one family of faith, and named us your children, and brothers and sisters of Christ. Give us Holy Spirit to live in peace and serve each other gladly.

ALL: Forgive pride and unloving divisions. Help us to be your household.

ONE: Give thanks to God for the church of Jesus Christ.

ALL: We are a temple for your spirit.

ONE: You have built us up, O God, into a temple for worship. Give us Holy Spirit to know there is no other foundation for us than Jesus Christ, rock and redeemer.

ALL: Forgive weakness and lack of reverence. Help us to be a temple for your spirit.

ONE: Give thanks to God for the church of Jesus Christ.

ALL: We are a colony of heaven.

ONE: You have welcomed us as your citizens, O God, to represent our homeland. Give us Holy Spirit to act your laws, speak your language, and to show your kingdom's courtesy and love.

ALL: Forgive injustice and going along with the world. Help us to be a colony of heaven.

ONE: Give thanks to God for the church of Jesus Christ.

ALL: We are the body of Christ.

ONE: You have joined us into one body, O God, to live for our Lord in the world. Give Holy Spirit, that working together without envy or pride, we may serve our Lord and head.

ALL: Forgive slack faith and separate ways. Help us to be the body of Christ.

ONE: O God, we are Your church, called, adopted, built up, blessed, and joined to Christ Jesus. Help us to know who we are, and in all we do to be Your useful servants.

ALL: We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a household of God, a temple for the spirit, a colony of heaven, the body of Christ.

ONE: Give thanks to God:

ALL: For the church of Jesus Christ.

ONE: Give thanks to God.

ALL: And trust the Holy Spirit. AMEN!

•Benediction

•Congregational Response "Go with Us, Lord" #535

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to You.

Postlude

•Those who are able, please stand