



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Reformation Sunday & All Saints
1 November 2020

May I not count it enough that I know the truth—for if knowing and not doing, I shall thereby incur the greater ignominy. —Thomas Chalmers

Good conduct arises out of good doctrine. —John R.W. Stott

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into His courts.

Gospel Invitation—Philippians 2:13

It is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

Introit—Glory Be To God The Father, Vs. 3



Text: Horatius Bonar, 1868; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2011.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 90:1-2, 4, 14, 17

Pastor: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

All: From everlasting to everlasting You are God.

Reader 1: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

Reader 2: For a thousand years in Your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

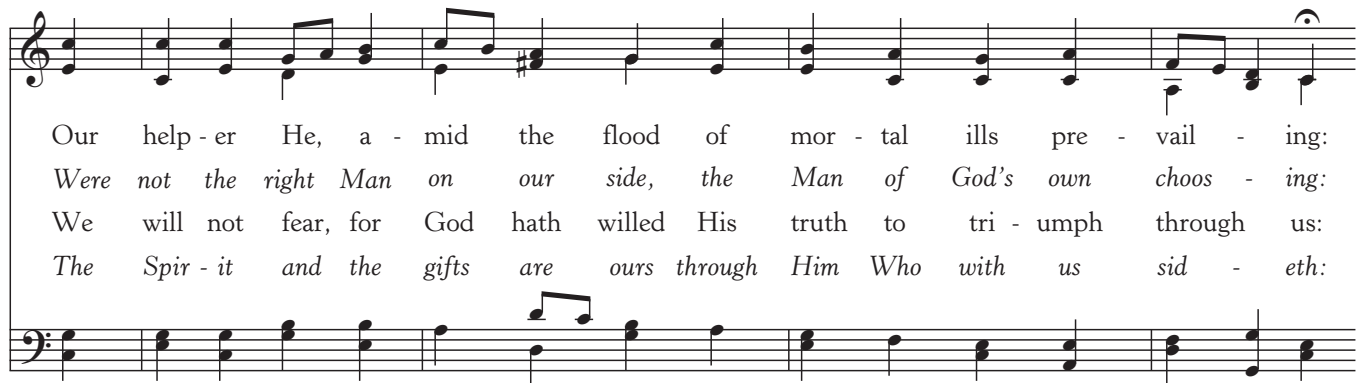
All: Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love.

Pastor: Let Your favor be upon us, and establish the work of our hands.

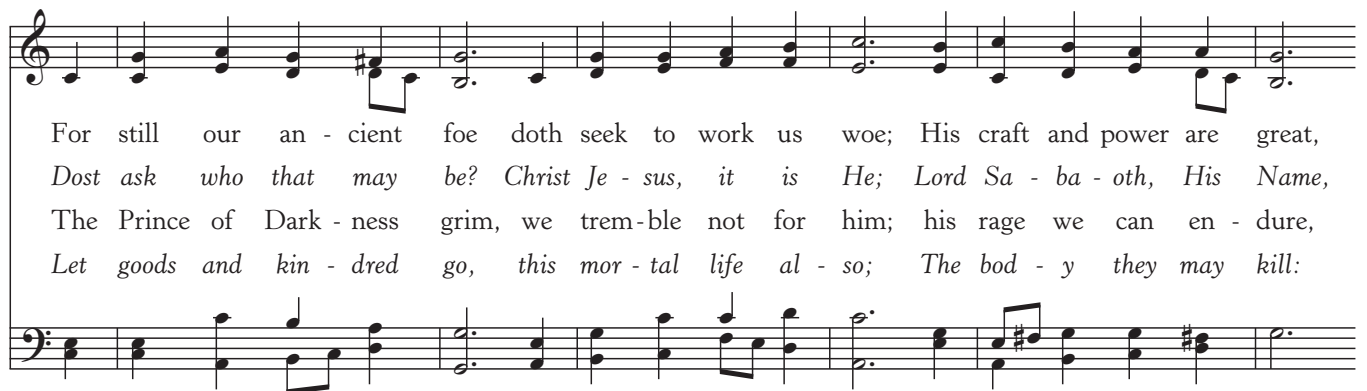
Hymn of Praise—A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



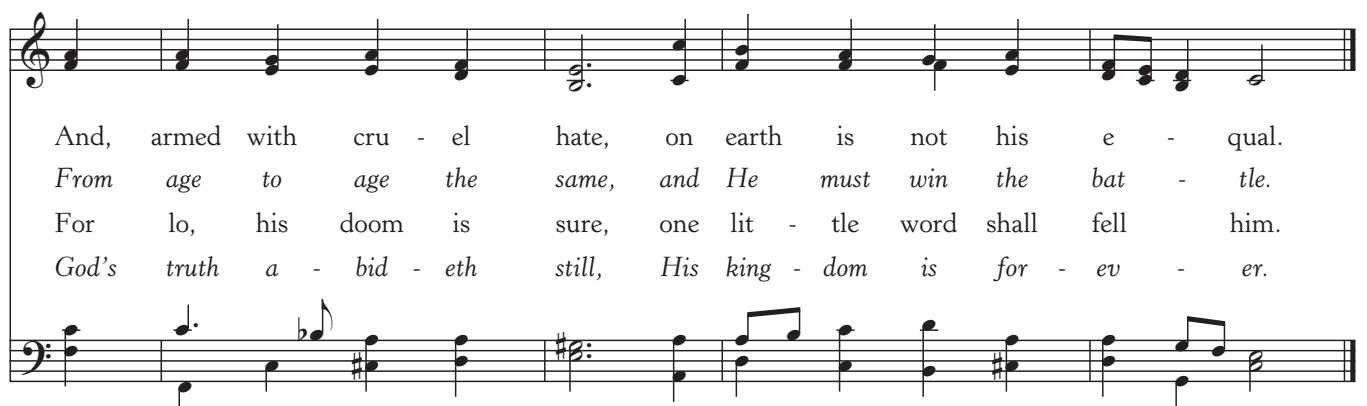
A might - y fort - ress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;
Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing;
And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un - do us,
That Word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



Our help - er He, a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing:
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choos - ing:
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us:
The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sid - eth:



For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great,
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He; Lord Sa - ba - oth, His Name,
The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y they may kill:



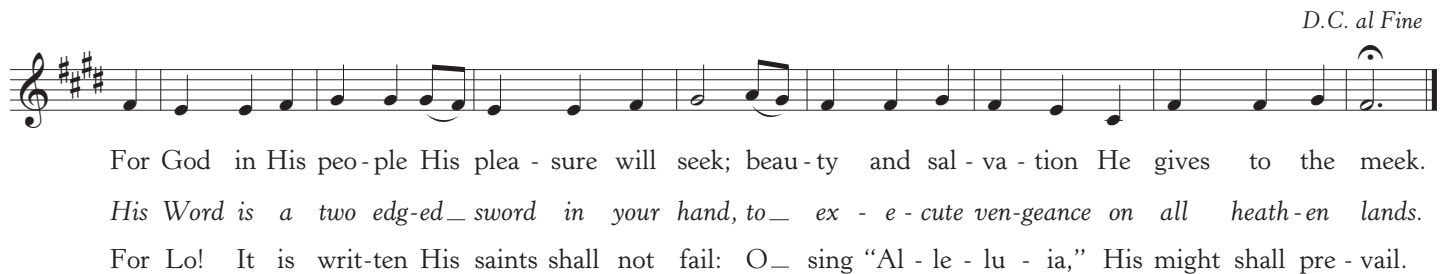
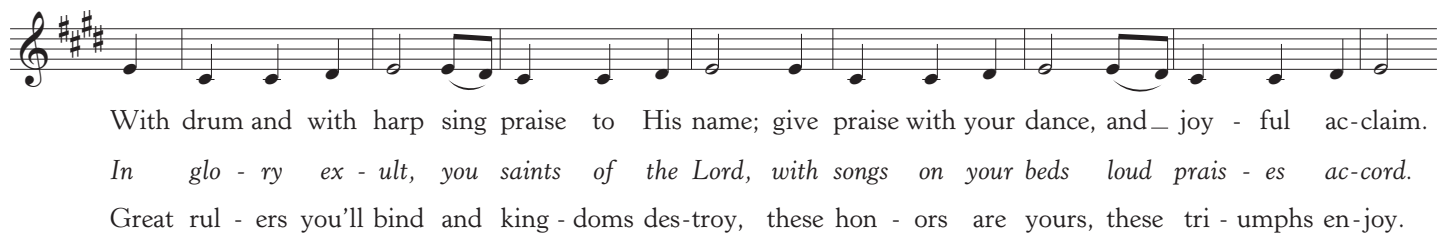
And, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
From age to age the same, and He must win the bat - tle.
For lo, his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.
God's truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Text: Psalm 46, Martin Luther, 1529, Tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853;
Music: EIN'FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1529.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts. God particularly entreats us in His Word to sing psalms. And while all Scripture is appropriate for hymns and spiritual songs, there is a specific exhortation for us to make use of the Psalter as the church's songbook.

Psalm of Praise— O Praise Ye The Lord And Sing A New Song (Psalm 149)



Text: *The Psalter*, 1909; *New Version of the Psalms of David in Meter*, 1709; Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2019;
Music: PULASKI, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

Scripture Reading—Colossians 3:15-17, 23-24

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise—Christ Jesus Lay In Death's Strong Bands



Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands, for our of - fens - es—giv - en;
It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and death con - tend - ed;
So let us keep the fes - ti - val to which the Lord in - vites us;

But now at God's right hand He stands and brings us life from Heav-en:
The vic - tor - y re - mained with life: the reign of death was—end - ed.
Christ is Him - self the joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.

There - fore let us joy - ful be and sing God's prais - es thank - ful - ly
Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns, an emp - ty form a - lone re - mains;
Now His grace to us im - parts e - ter - nal sun - shine to our hearts;

With songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Death's sting is lost for - ev - er! Al - le - lu - ia!
The night of sin is end - ed. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Martin Luther, 1524, Tr. Richard Massie 1858; Music: CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN, Medieval melody,
Arr. Johann Walther, 1524.

Baptism of Grace Coghlan, Daughter of Christopher Coghlan

Reading of the Word—Galatians 6:1-18

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.³ For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.⁴ But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor.⁵ For each will have to bear his own load.⁶ Let the one who is taught the Word share all good things with the one who teaches.⁷ Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

¹¹ See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ For even those who are circumcised do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. ¹⁴ But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. ¹⁶ And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. ¹⁷ From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. ¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—When I Survey The Wondrous Cross, Vs. 2

For - bid it, Lord that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:

All the vain things that charm me most, I sac-ri - fice them to His blood.

The image shows a musical score for two systems. Each system consists of a treble and a bass staff. The music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first system's lyrics are 'For - bid it, Lord that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:'. The second system's lyrics are 'All the vain things that charm me most, I sac-ri - fice them to His blood.'.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1709; Music: HAMBURG, Gregorian Chant, arr. Lowell Mason, 1824.

Sermon—*Gospel Good*

—Pastor, George Grant

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Confession of Sin—from Ephesians 2:1-5

- Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. We come confessing because we are sinners, every one of us, without exception.
- All: **We all were dead in the trespasses and sins in which we once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air.**
- Pastor: The spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience, was once at work among us.
- All: **We all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.**
- Pastor: But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.
- All: **In Him we have forgiveness. By grace we have been saved.**

Assurance of Pardon—Titus 2:11-14; Colossians 2:6-7

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works.

- Pastor: This is the promise of God.
- All: **This is the Word of the Lord.**
- Pastor: Therefore, in the same way you received Christ Jesus as Lord, so continue to walk in Him.
- All: **So then, we are rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith.**
- Pastor: Therefore, let us abound in thanksgiving.

Sung Response—May The Mind Of Christ, My Savior Vs. 5

May I run the race be - fore me, strong and brave to face the foe,

Look - ing on - ly un - to Jes - us as I on - ward go.

Text: Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925; Music: ST. LEONARDS, A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925.

HEAVENLY GIFT—*EUCHARISTO*

As God beckons His people to the bounty of His table, they make joyous profession of their fealty to Him.

Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,

Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell.

On the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; the one holy church—both visible and invisible;

The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

Ho - ly — Ho - ly Ho - ly is the Lord God Al - might - y

Heav'n and Earth are full of Thy glor - y, glor - y — be un - to — Thee

O Lord most high O Lord most high O Lord most high A - men

Text: Is 6:3, Rev 4:8; Music: Nathan George, 2013.

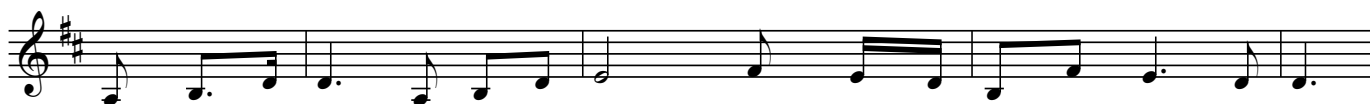
WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S TABLE

This table is open to all baptized Christians who have made a profession of faith. You may come forward to receive the bread and wine or grape juice.

Hymn of Praise—In Christ Alone



In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
In Christ a - lone, Who took on flesh, Full-ness of God in help - less babe!
There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness slain;
No guilt in life, no fear in death— This is the pow'r of Christ in me;



This cor - ner-stone, this so - lid ground, Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
This gift of love and right-eous-ness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious day, Up from the grave He rose a - gain!
From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com-mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease!
Till on that cross as Jes - us died, The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;
And as He stands in vic - to - ry, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ev - er pluck me from His hand;



My com - fort-er, my all in all— Here in the love of Christ I stand.
For ev' - ry sin on Him was laid— Here in the death of Christ I live.
For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the prec - ious blood of Christ.
Till He re - turns or calls me home— Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE, PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS

Our praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship. It is here that our faith moves from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession—The Lord's Prayer

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 Praise—Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

Let us love and sing and won - der, let us praise the Sav - ior's name!
Let us won - der; grace and jus - tice join and point to mer - cy's store;
Let us praise, and join the chor - us of the saints en - throned on high;

He has hushed the Law's loud thun - der, He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame.
When through grace in Christ our trust is, jus - tice smiles and asks no more:
Here they trust - ed Him be - fore us, now their prais - es fill the sky:

He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.
He who washed us with His blood has se - cured our way to God.
"Thou hast washed us with Your blood; Thou art worth - y, Lamb of God!"

Text: John Newton, 1774; Music: ALL SAINTS OLD, *Darmstadt Gesangbuch*, 1698.

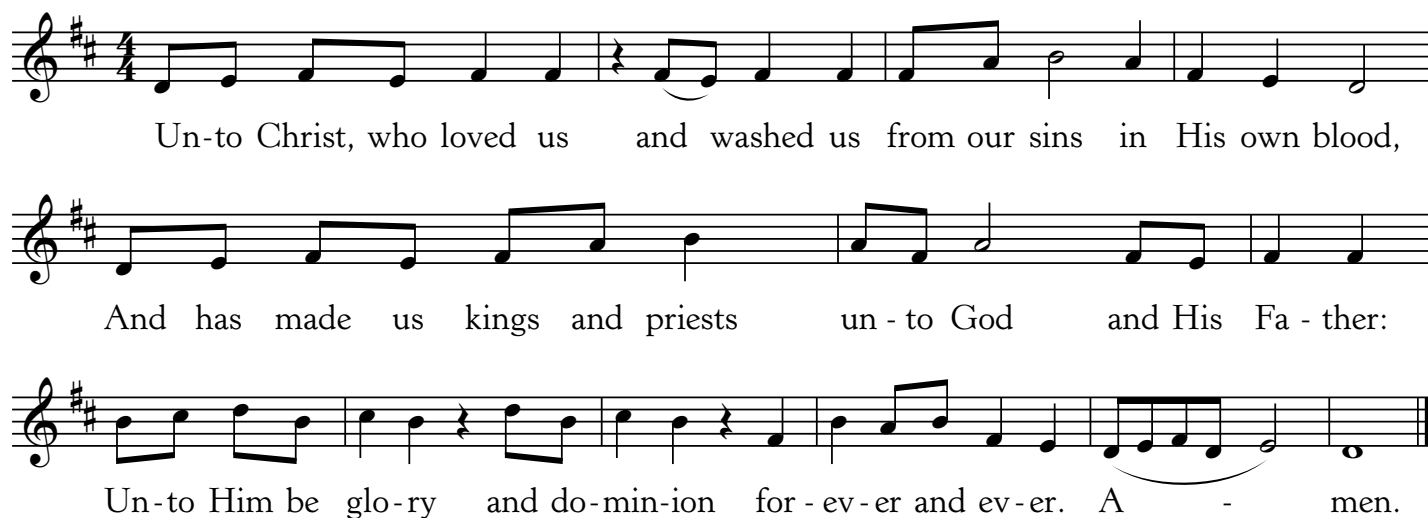
GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—based on Ephesians 4:15-16

Therefore beloved, having received the good gifts of the Lord, speak the truth in love and grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body is now joined and held together. Grace, peace, and joy. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Unto Christ Who Loved Us



Un-to Christ, who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,
And has made us kings and priests un - to God and His Fa - ther:
Un-to Him be glo-ry and do-min-ion for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

CCLI #2844402 ©1936 Oxford University PressText: Revelation 1:5-6;
Music: UNTO HIM WHO LOVED US, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1936.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

Week after week in this series on Galatians, Pastor George and Pastor Brian have clearly emphasized that the only way we can approach the throne of God is through Christ, by grace alone. As we've heard these past few months here at Parish, "if we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing." These two "solos" of the Reformation (*Solus Christus* and *Sola Gratia*) give us confidence in our standing before the Lord. How fitting, then, that we come to the end of the Galatians series today, which marks the annual observance of Reformation Sunday. The 16th century Reformation has provided us with a rich musical legacy. Luther himself wrote the text for *Christ Jesus Lay In Death's Strong Bands*, as well as the melody EIN' FESTE BURG used in his most well-known composition *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*. The practice of singing Metrical Psalms (translations of the Psalms which are adjusted to fit English meter, such as *O Praise Ye The Lord And Sing A New Song—Psalm 149*) became widespread during the Reformation era, and is particularly associated with churches influenced by John Calvin. As we sing God's Words back to Him, we take up yet another of the Reformer's solas— "*Sola Scriptura*—Scripture alone," not only in our theology, but in our song as well.

—Henry C. Haffner & Emma Marsh

Key Words: Restore, Watch, Bear, Test, Share, Sow, Reap, Do Good

Keystone Verse: Let us not weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap. (Galatians 6:9)



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