

Reformation Bible Church
Congregational Worship
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GOD HAS PUT A DESIRE TO WORSHIP HIM IN OUR HEARTS

Oh come! Let us gather together and worship God in His majesty!

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US TO WORSHIP HIM ACCEPTABLY

*You have come to Mount Zion,
to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God.*

*You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly,
to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.*

*You have come to God, the judge of all men,
to the spirits of righteous men made perfect,
to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant,
and to the sprinkled blood...*

See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks.

*If they did not escape when they refused Him
who warned them on earth,*

*how much less will we, if we turn away from Him
who warns us from heaven?*

*Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom
that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful,
and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe,
for our "God is a consuming fire."
from Hebrews 12:22-25,28-29*

GOD IS PLEASED AS WE GATHER TOGETHER TO SING PRAISES TO HIM

*Sing praise to the LORD, you saints of His.
Give thanks at the remembrance of His holy Name.
Psalm 30:4*

*Hear O kings! Give ear, O princes!
I, even I, will sing to the LORD;
I will sing praise to the LORD God of Israel.
Judges 5:3*

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" Hymn #100
"Psalm 40E"

GOD GIVES US HIS GRACIOUS LAW AND HIS LAWFUL GRACE

GOD REMINDS US OF HIS PERFECT, HOLY, ABIDING LAW

The Ten Commandments & The First and Second Great Commandments

God spoke all these words, saying, I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

I. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

II. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

III. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

IV. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

V. Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

VI. Thou shalt not kill.

VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's.

Hear also the words of our Lord Jesus, how He saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

– Amen –

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LAW BY CONFESSING OUR SINS

• **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN**

O Lord, we confess that we have allowed ourselves to be overtaken by many trespasses. Therefore, we come to You today to admit our sins and look to You for both forgiveness and cleansing from all unrighteousness. As Your adopted children we are supposed to show by our lives that we belong to Your family. Your Word calls us to pursue You and Your ways. This must be done in true, practical, obedient ways. Yet, instead of wholeheartedly pursuing righteousness we have invested our time and energy following many trivial and temporal things of the world.

We often use our time, resources and strength not just unwisely, but sinfully. We are too casual about eternity and we are often negligent of the the infinitely important truths of Your Word. At times we live as though we don't depend completely on You for our needs, comforts, securities, and our eternal salvation.

All these failures are true to some degree about us and You have said that if we are "guilty of one, we are guilty of all." You don't grade us on a curve. You grade us according to Your perfect law...and we have fallen short.

Mercifully, instead of calling us to give an accounting and pay for our sins, You have called us to confess them and trust Your promise that we will be forgiven and cleansed through Jesus.

O Lord, we are grateful for forgiveness and for the gentleness You show us through Your dear Son. Glory be to You our Lord, our King, our Judge, our Lawgiver, and our great Redeemer. You have saved us! Amen!

(We Confess Our Secret Sins In The Privacy Of Our Own Hearts)

• **WE CONFESS OUR FAITH**

• **Corporate Confession Of Faith - Heidelberg Catechism Q-1 & The Belgic Confession, Article 23: The Justification of Believers**

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

People of God: My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head apart from the will of my Father in Heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Pastor: In what way are sinners justified and made acceptable to enter God's presence?

People of God: We believe that our acceptance with God lies in the forgiveness of our sins because of what Jesus Christ has accomplished in full. Our right standing before God is His gift to us bought and paid for by His work, apart from our works.

The Bible says that we are justified "freely" "by grace" through redemption by Jesus Christ. And therefore we cling to this foundation, which is firm forever, giving all glory to God, humbling ourselves, and recognizing ourselves for what we are; not claiming that any blessing comes to us because of our merits and leaning and resting solely on the obedience of Christ crucified, the effect of which is ours the moment we believe in Him. His work is enough to pay for all our sins and to make us confident we have God's love and full acceptance, which frees our conscience from what would rightfully be great fear, dread, and terror of God's approach.

OUR FAITHFUL GOD DECLARES FORGIVENESS FOR US

*I have forgiven the iniquity of My people;
I have covered all their sin. I have held back My wrath;
I have turned from the fierceness of My anger.
Psalm 85:2 -3 (adapted)*

WE SING TO HIS HONOR FOR HIS REDEEMING WORK ON OUR BEHALF

"Jesus, What A Friend To Sinners"

Hymn #498

GOD ALLOWS US TO DRAW NIGH IN PRAYER TO DECLARE HIS WORKS

*It is good for me to draw near to God;
I have put my trust in the Lord GOD,
that I may declare all Your works.
Psalm 73:28*

**GOD ACCEPTS OUR TITHES AS AN ACT OF WORSHIP Malachi 3:10
WE GIVE ATTENTION TO GOD'S WORD READ AND PREACHED**

*"And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.
Ezekiel 44:23*

Pastor Ray Shores

WE TAKE A MOMENT TO APPLY WHAT WE HAVE HEARD

THE LORD REMINDS US OF HIS COVENANT LOVE BY CALLING HIS CHILDREN TO EAT AT HIS TABLE

- Explanation of the Sacrament
- We Contemplate His Work On Our Behalf
"Man Of Sorrows" Hymn #246
- The Words of Institution
- Invitation to the Meal
- The Fencing of the Table
- The Prayer of Consecration of the Elements
- The Serving of the Elements
- Rejoicing In God For His Great Work On Our Behalf

"The Doxology"

CHARGE AND BLESSING

GREET ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE

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