

Reformation Bible Church

Order of Worship

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GOD COMMANDS US TO COME AND WORSHIP HIM IN REVERENCE AND AWE

*Sing to the LORD, all the earth;
proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.*

*Declare His glory among the nations,
His wonders among all peoples.*

*For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised;
He is also to be feared above all gods.*

*For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.*

*Honor and majesty are before Him;
strength and gladness are in His place.*

*Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
give to the LORD glory and strength.*

*Give to the LORD the glory due His name;
bring an offering, and come before Him.*

oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!

Tremble before Him, all the earth...

*Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
and let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."*

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

For His mercy endures forever.

*And say, "Save us, O God of our salvation; gather us together, and deliver us, that we may give thanks to Your holy
name, and triumph in Your praise."*

*Blessed be the LORD God of Israel
from everlasting to everlasting!*

And all the people said, "Amen!" and praised the LORD.

Amen!

(from 1 Chronicles 16:23-37)

WE SING TO GOD, PRAISING HIM FOR HONOR AND GLORY

*Sing out the honor of His name!
from Psalm 66*

*“They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.”
Psalm 138: 5*

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Hymn #100

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

GOD HAS DECLARED THAT WE ARE TO KNOW HIM

Thus says the LORD:

*“Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom,
Let not the mighty man glory in his might,
Nor let the rich man glory in his riches;
But let him who glories glory in this,
That he understands and knows Me,
That I am the LORD, Who exercises loving-kindness,
judgment, and righteousness in the earth.
For in these I delight,” says the LORD.
Galatians 6:1-10*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S HOLY COMMAND BY CONFESSING THAT WE HAVE SINNED AND NEED TO BE RESTORED

• CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, we have allowed ourselves to be overtaken by many trespasses. Therefore, we come to You today to admit our many sins and look to You for Your true remedy. We admit we have offended You, and we need Your Fatherly forgiveness. As Your adopted children we are supposed to show by our lives that we belong to You as followers and as children who are growing in knowledge of You. Your Word calls us to pursue You in true, practical, praiseworthy, knowledge. Instead we have invested much more time and energy in knowing and exalting the trivial and temporal things of the world that block out and suppress Your truth. We at times even reject what You reveal about Yourself and live like we think we are wiser than You.

We are guilty of all sins to some degree 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 Word...and we are found falling short.

Mercifully, instead of calling us to account and pay for our sins today, You have called us to fully confess them so we will be forgiven and cleansed of them. We are grateful for Your willingness to forgive and for the gentleness You show us by restoring us to fellowship with You through Your dear Son Jesus.

Glory be to You, our Lord, our King, our Judge, and our great Redeemer. Amen!

• **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Heidelberg Catechism-Question and Answer 1

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

Christian: 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. Amen!

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 JOYFULLY OF HIS REDEEMING WORK ON OUR BEHALF

"Arise My Soul, Arise"

Hymn #305

Arise, my soul, arise,
Shake off thy guilty fears:
The bleeding Sacrifice
In my behalf appears:
Before the Throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on his hands.

He ever lives above,
For me to intercede,
His all-redeeming love,
His precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds he bears,
Received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers,
They strongly plead for me;

Forgive him, O forgive, they cry,
Nor let that ransomed sinner die!

My God is reconciled;
His pard'ning voice I hear;
He owns me for his child,
I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

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 TITHE AS AN ACT OF WORSHIP

*But this I say:
He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
So let each one give as he purposes in his heart,
not grudgingly or of necessity;
for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:6-7*

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.
They shall keep My laws and My statutes in all My appointed meetings,
and they shall hallow My Sabbaths.
Ezekiel 44:23-24*

The Sermon "Current Heresies: Beware!"
Pastor Mike Chastain

BENEDICTION

*"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the
LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."
Numbers 6: 24, 26*