
COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — October 31, 2004

Reformation Sunday

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 68

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

†Call to Worship: *Psalm 68:26, 32-35* Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Psalm of Praise: *Psalm 68* "Let God arise and by his might" (see insert)

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Congregation: **Amen!** *Matthew 28:19*

The Lord be with you! *Ruth 2:4*

And also with you!

Our help is in the Name of Yahweh *Ruth 2:4*

Who made heaven and earth!

Purification

†Pastor: Let us humbly bow our heads before the Lord and confess our sins.

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up; *Psalm 131:1-2*

My eyes are not raised too high.

I do not occupy myself with things,

Too great and too marvelous for me.

But I have calmed and quieted my soul,

Like a weaned child with its mother.

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we confess and truly recognize, before your holy majesty, that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in sin and corruption, inclined to do evil, unprofitable for all good; and that from our vice we endlessly and ceaselessly transgress your holy commandments. In so doing, we incur ruin and damnation upon ourselves. Nevertheless, Lord, we are displeased with ourselves for having offended against you and condemn ourselves and our vices with true repentance, desiring that your grace support us in our calamity. Have mercy on us, God and Father, most blessed and full of mercy, in the Name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Silent Prayer. Amen!*

†Congregation Stands

†Pastor: Now lift up your heads and hear the Good News. . .

" . . . You shall call his name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

"This is a faithful saying, that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15).

Let everyone, therefore, with Saint Matthew and Saint Paul, truly acknowledge this in his or her heart and believe in Jesus Christ.

May each of you truly recognize himself a sinner groveling before God and believe that the heavenly Father in Jesus Christ wills to look on you with favor. Unto all who in this manner repent and seek Jesus Christ as their salvation, I declare absolution in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen!

Ascension

†Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

†Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right to do so.

†Truly it is fitting, right, and beneficial to give thanks to you at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing . . .

†Hymn #135 "I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Old Testament Reading: *Psalm 2* Pastor Chris Smith

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *Colossians 1:15-23*

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 28:1-20*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†We Confess Our Faith: *The Nicene Creed* (see insert)

Sermon: **THE MONARCHY OF JESUS** Jeffrey J. Meyers

†We Pray: Hymn #91 "Lord, keep us steadfast in thy Word" *Trinity Hymnal*

Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Choir Anthem "Jesus all my joy remaineth" (see insert)

†Prayer of Petition & Supplication (see insert)

†The Lord's Prayer

†The *Gloria Patri*

The Sacrifice of Peace

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

Hymn #207 "Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands" *Trinity Hymnal*

†The Song of Simeon (*Nunc Dimittis*): *Luke 2:30-32*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

†Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Congregation: **And his mercy endures forever!**

Pastoral Prayer: We give thanks to you, Almighty God, that you have here refreshed your people with such wonderful gifts; we ask now as we prepare to leave your house that you would graciously strengthen us in the use of these gifts, increasing our love for you and for one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn "A mighty Fortress is our God" (see insert)

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

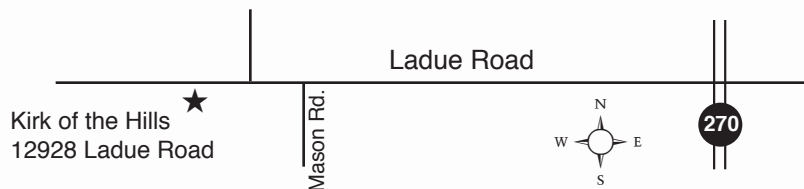
†Postlude & Greet One Another!

Tonight at 6:00 PM

Our Evening Service Will Meet at

✿ **Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church** ✿

Join us for a Reformation Day Service
Sponsored by our own Missouri Presbytery (PCA)



The Sources for This Morning's Reformation Day Liturgy

Most of the content and music of this morning's liturgy has been taken from sixteenth-century Reformation sources.

The Reformers sought to restore vigorous Psalm singing to their congregations, so it is fitting that we are called to worship from Psalm 68, and then in response, sing a metrical version of the same Psalm. The music was composed by Louis Bourgeois (d. 1561) and used in churches served by Calvin (d. 1564) in Geneva, and Martin Bucer (d. 1551) in Strassburg. Louis Bourgeois, the foremost Reformation composer, has been called the father of the modern hymn tune. Psalm 68, named the "Battle hymn of the Reformation," was one of the favorite Psalms of the sixteenth-century Reformed churches. It became so identified with the Reformed cause in Catholic France that even the whistling of the tune was outlawed as a felony.

The next section comes from John Calvin's *Form of Prayers*. The call to confession, the prayer of confession, and the absolution are what Calvin and his congregation would have used every Sunday in Geneva. The hymn of praise after the assurance of forgiveness (#135) was composed by John Calvin while ministering to the French exiles in Strassburg. This music also comes from the Reformation composer Louis Bourgeois.

After the sermon we sing a hymn by Luther (#91). The tune is taken from the Wittenberg church's 1543 hymnal (*Geistliche Lieder* = Spiritual Songs). Luther sang this very hymn with the congregation in Wittenberg.

The offertory is from a cantata by Johann Sebastian Bach, who, although born nearly 170 years after the beginning of Luther's reforms, became the preeminent Lutheran composer (and the preeminent sacred composer of all time). Bach was deeply influenced by the German Reformation. It is said that had there been no Luther, there would have been no Bach. The prayer of petition and supplication is taken from the Scottish Reformation. It was published as part of *The Forme of Prayers* in 1556, written by the "Father of Presbyterians" — John Knox (d. 1572).

The hymn of triumph sung during the distribution of communion (#207) shows how profound a hymn writer Luther (d. 1546) was. The theme of Christ the Victor permeates the devotional life of both Calvin and Luther. This is a wonderful example of a non-inspired hymn that nevertheless draws its content exclusively from the sublime biblical doctrine of Christ's Person and work. The tune is based on the Easter hymn "Christ ist erstanden," which predates the Reformation by about 400 years.

We end the service with "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott," apparently written by Luther for the Diet (Council) of Speyer, at which the German princes lodged their formal protest against the revoking of their religious liberties, thus receiving the name "Protestants." Today we will hear first and then sing a version of "A Mighty Fortress" which is very close to the original rhythm of the tune in Luther's day. The musical arrangement is by Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672), and comes from the Becker Psalter of 1628, which contains Schütz's masterful settings of German Psalm versifications (including Luther's) compiled by Cornelius Becker, theology professor at Leipzig.

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

Litany of Petition

O God, in mercy remember Thine inheritance, and forget not the congregation of thy people forever. Thou art our Redeemer and the lifter up of our head, and under the shadow of Thy wings shall we find our shelter and our rest.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hide not Thyself from our petitions.

Preserve, O God, the Universal Church in holiness and truth, in unity and peace. May she ever advance the honor of her Lord, for ever represent His sacrifice, glorify His Person, and advance His kingdom, that being accepted of Thee, and filled with His Spirit, she may partake of His glory.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hide not Thyself from our petitions.

Give the spirit of justice and righteousness to all Christian rulers and magistrates; grant that their people may obey them, and that they may obey Thee. Especially do we pray for our President and Congress, that they might conform their judgments more and more to Thy holy law, and further Thy kingdom in this world, the kingdom of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hide not Thyself from our petitions.

Give to Thy servants, pastors, elders and deacons, the spirit of patience and humility, of holiness and diligence, of prudence and courage, to declare Thy will by a pure life and wise words, that they may minister to the good of souls, and find the reward of the Master's approval at His coming.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hide not Thyself from our petitions.

Give to our relatives and friends pardon of sin and the support of Thy grace, comfort in their sorrows, strength in their temptations, and the guidance of Thy good Spirit; that doing Thy will and rejoicing in Thy mercies here, they may partake of Thy glories hereafter.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hide not Thyself from our petitions.

Give protection to all widows and orphans, patience and submission to the sick, consolation to the afflicted, that they may be rewarded by Thy comforts for the days wherein they have suffered adversity.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hide not Thyself from our petitions.

Be Thou a star and a guide to them that travel by land or sea; the strength of them that toil on farms and in factories; give cheerfulness to sad hearts, maintenance to the poor, be a defense to the oppressed, and put a stop to the sins and miseries of all mankind.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hide not Thyself from our petitions.

Give unto our enemies Thy forgiveness, charity towards us, and love for Thee. Bring all sinners to repentance, and all Thy saints to perfect love and holiness; bring all Jews, infidels, and all the heathen to the knowledge of the Lord Jesus, and all the benefits of His passion; to the glory of His name.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hide not Thyself from our petitions.

Give to all merchants faithfulness and truth; to the farmer health, fair seasons, and reward his toil with the dew of heaven and the blessings of the earth. Give to all workman diligence in their callings, and a blessing on their labors; give to the old a mature religion, and desires after heaven; give to the young an early piety; give to all families Thy protection; and give to us all pardon, and holiness, and life eternal.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hide not Thyself from our petitions. Amen.

Stately,
with vigor

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Let God Arise and by His Might

(GENEVAN PSALM 68)

1 Let God a - rise and by his might put all his
2 Ex - alt, ex - alt the name of God! Sing, sing his
3 Give praise to God with rev - erence deep; he dai - ly
4 All na - tions of the earth, ex - ult, raise psalms of

en - e - mies to flight with shame and con - ster - na - tion.
roy - al fame a - broad with fer - vent ex - al - ta - tion.
comes our lives to keep and kind - ly bears our bur - dens.
praise to heav - en's vault, God's an - cient throne and dwell - ing.

For when the LORD God shall ap - pear, he will con -
Cast up a high - way smooth and wide, that through the
Our God up - holds us in the strife; to us he
God rides his char - iot in the height, he thun - ders

sume, a - far and near, with fire and des - o - la - tion.
des - erts he may ride; the LORD is our sal - va - tion.
grants e - ter - nal life and saves from all that threat - ens.
forth his roy - al right; God reigns, all kings ex - cel - ling.

As smoke be - fore his dread - ful ire, as wax is
God's might - y power sets pris - oners free; his arm of
God crush - es heads of en - e - mies; he brings them
Pro - claim the awe - some power of God, make known his

mol - ten by the fire, so shall the wick - ed per - ish.
strength gains vic - to - ry, to reb - els shows no pit - y.
back from far - thest seas for Is - rael's ju - bi - la - tion.
might - y deeds a - broad; all Is - rael shall ex - tol him.

But let the right - eous, blest of old, joy in their
The fa - ther of the fa - ther - less and help for
He hears the need - y when they cry; he saves their
For he is pow - er - ful and great: all earth and

God and now be - hold the vic - to - ry they cher - ish.
wid - ows in dis - tress is God in Zi - on's cit - y.
souls when death draws nigh: this God is our sal - va - tion.
skies are his es - tate; his maj - es - ty ex - cels them.