

The Service for the Lord's Day
Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Reformation Sunday
October 25, 2009 – 11:00 AM

GATHERING AND GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome and Announcements

Let us worship God.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made the heavens and the earth.

Prelude

Impromptu in G Flat

F. Schubert

***Call to Worship (Insert)**

*This litany interweaves Martin Luther's great Reformation hymn
with the words from Scripture that inspired it, the words of Psalm 46*

***Opening Prayer**

Dear Lord, as we contemplate your gifts to the church, we stand in awe of those whom you have allowed to lead the church militant. As we set aside time to recall the activities of the past, we are thankful that through the dedicated zealous efforts of your servants you have preserved to us the wonderful gospel in its truth and purity. May the Holy Spirit not only bring to us the joy and peace of your love in Jesus, but may He also fire us with the unquenchable desire to share that love with others. We ask this in the name of Christ crucified and risen, the Savior of the world, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, throughout all eternity. Amen

***Hymn of Praise # 457**

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

JOHN CALVIN (1509-1564)

Call to Confession

Come now and let us make confession to God the Lord together;
let everyone, with me, acknowledge our sin and shortcomings:

[The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon are from 1539; they were used by both John Calvin at Geneva and John Knox in Scotland.]

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, eternal Father, we acknowledge and confess to you that we were born in unrighteousness. Our life is full of sin and transgression; we have not gladly believed your Word nor followed your holy commandments. For your goodness' sake and for your name's sake, be gracious unto us, we pray, and forgive us all our sin, which is very great.

Let each of us come before the face of the Lord, confessing our own faults personally ...

(Silent Prayer of Confession) Amen

Kyrie Eleison # 572 [*From the English Reformation, John Merbecke, 1550.*]

*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Assurance of Pardon

This saying is true and we should believe it: that Christ Jesus came into the world to rescue sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. To all those who repent, therefore, I proclaim to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Gloria Patri # 579** [*An old Scottish chant.*] ***Glory Be to the Father

H. W. Greatorex

Choral Anthem

Open My Eyes That I May See

Clara H. Scott, 1895

THE WORD

Prayer of the Day

[*Adapted from the Reformed liturgy of Strasbourg by Martin Bucer, 1540*]

Almighty and ever gracious God, since all our salvation depends upon your holy Word: therefore grant that our hearts may be set free from worldly things, so that we may with all diligence and faith hear your Word, rightly understand your gracious will, and in all sincerity live according to the same, to your praise and glory; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Lesson: Job 42:1–6, 10–17

Psalms Psalm 34:1–8, 19–22

Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:46–52

Sermon

“Reformed and Still Reforming”

The Rev. Patricia Harvey

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith

[*The Apostles' Creed from the liturgy of Ulrich Zwingli at Zurich, Easter Sunday 1525.*]

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

Women: *and in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord,*

Men: *who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,*

Women: *born of the Virgin Mary,*

Men: *suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.*

Women: *He descended into hell.*

Men: *The third day he rose again from the dead.*

Women: *He ascended into heaven*

Men: *and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.*

Women: *From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

Men: I believe in the Holy Ghost,

Women: *the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,*

Men: the forgiveness of sins,

Women: *the resurrection of the body,*

Men: and the life everlasting.

All: Amen.

***Hymn of Response # 383**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Call for the Offering

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Angel of Hope

D. Lanz

***Doxology**

[The "Doxology" written by Louis Bourgeois for John Calvin's congregation in Geneva 1551]

***Prayer of Dedication**

Reception of New Members

Pastoral Prayer

THE SENDING FORTH

***Hymn # 260**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Martin Luther, 1529

***Charge**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

"Song for the Nations"

Christensen (arr. Hayes)

***Please stand, if you are able.**

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Liturgist: Frank Harris

Pianist: Mary Hook

Choir Director: Laura Walker

Acolytes: Lyric Rivera & Maria Vanegas

Sound: Greg Murr

Ushers: James & Marlene Woodard

BETHEL STAFF

Rev. Patricia Harvey – Parish Associate

Rev. Richard Hettrick, D. Min. – Pastor Emeritus

Deb Hyder – Parish Nurse

Will Purushotham – Youth Director

Mary Hook – Pianist and Organist

Cathy McDowell – Clerk of Session

Laura Walker – Choir Director

Chris Badger – Bell Choir Director

Linda Gerth – Child-care

John Carter – Custodian

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God: A Litany for Reformation Sunday

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

*All Sing: A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.*

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

People: **God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

*All Sing: Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.*

Leader: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; God speaks and the earth melts.

People: **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Leader: Come, behold the works of the Lord!

People: **God makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
God breaks the bow, shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.**

*All Sing: And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure, one little word shall fell him.*

Leader: Be still, and know that the Lord is God!

People: **God is exalted among the nations; God is exalted in the earth.**

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us;

People: **The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

*All Sing: That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth;
let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill, God's truth abideth still,
his kingdom is forever.*

[“A Mighty Fortress is Our God,” see *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, Number 260.]

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for fellowship, study and service . . .
seeking God's peace, justice and love ~

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS:

We extend a warm welcome from Bethel Presbyterian Church!
We invite you to participate in signing the Friendship Folders adding your name
and address and if you desire a church newsletter or a pastoral call.

When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we say "sins...sin against us"
rather than "debts..." or "trespasses..."

Prayer requests can be noted on the cards provided in the pew racks,
please put those in the offering plate.