Reformation Sunday All Saints' Sunday October 31, 2021

Gathering God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude Echo Alleluia
Peace in God's Good Time

Purcell Burkhardt

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (Time for Silent Preparation)

Call to Worship

Dennis Lesher

When Moses gathered the people of Israel, God said,

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."

As we gather here today, let us worship the Lord, who continues to be our God and who still brings us out of the places of our bondage.

Let us worship the Triune God.



Dennis Lesher

O God, our guide and guardian,

you have led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of your house.

Grant us grace to worship you in spirit and in truth,

to the comfort of our souls

and the upbuilding of every good purpose and holy desire.

Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us,

that we may not fear the coming of night,

when we shall surrender into your hands

the tasks which you have committed to us.

So may we worship you not with our lips only at this hour,

but in word and deed all the days of our lives,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.



How Firm a Foundation

Confessing God invites us to be honest with Him

Prayer of Confession (Responsively)

Dennis Lesher

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Dennis Lesher

The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us. The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us. Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

♥ Gloria Patri

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. A-men, A-men.

Offering Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Hayes

Invitation As God's dear children, then, take him as your pattern,

and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up for us as an offering and a

sweet-smelling sacrifice to God.

Offering

Offertory Open the Eyes of My Heart with

Be Thou My Vision

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.

Prayer of Dedication

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer

ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us—Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name In the land that is plentiful Where Your streams of abundance flow Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name When I'm found in the desert place Though I walk through the wilderness Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus
Ev'ry blessing You pour out
I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name When the sun's shining down on me When the world's all as it should be Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge (x2)
You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

Proclaiming God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon

The Ten Commandments

Val Petrie

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:1-21

20 And God spoke all these words, saying,

- ² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
- ³ "You shall have no other gods before me.
- ⁴ "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.
- ⁷ "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.
- ⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.
- ¹² "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.
- ¹³ "You shall not murder.
- ¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.
- ¹⁵ "You shall not steal.
- ¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- ¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."
- ¹⁸ Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off ¹⁹ and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." ²⁰ Moses said to the people, "Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin." ²¹ The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

Sermon

"God Provides the Law" Rev. Tim Latham

Responding
We respond to God's Word

Profession of Faith

I am righteous before God only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart. When I say that through faith alone I am righteous, it is not because I please God by the worthiness of my faith. It is because only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me righteous before God, and because I can accept this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than through faith. —from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 60-61

Prayers of the People

<u>Commissioning</u> God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Hymn 26 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Benediction & Blessing

Postlude The Trumpet of Resounding Praise Ritter