

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 27, 2024

10 O'clock A.M.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFLECTION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

**O come, let us sing to Yahweh!
Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.**

*Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;
Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!*

**For Yahweh is a great God, and a great King
Above all gods.**

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

Let us kneel before Yahweh, our Maker!

*For He is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
And the sheep of His hand*

*HYMN OF ADORATION

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I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Preparing to Celebrate the Lord's Supper

The First Sunday of each month we celebrate the Lord's Supper during our morning worship service. Paul explains the meaning of the Lord's Supper in I Corinthians 11. "You [all] proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." (vs. 26). In other words, as a body of believers we are proclaiming through this act of worship that Jesus has died on the cross for our sins!

So how do we prepare to do that? In a similar way to preparing for every Lord's Day worship service. We remember our Savior and His sin-substitutionary sacrifice, and then give Him all glory and honor and praise.

Below is an excerpt from Thomas Watson's book on the Ten Commandments. Watson was a wonderful preacher and teacher and writer of the 17 Century. This excerpt comes from his section on preparing for Lord's Day worship.

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Meditate on Christ's love in redeeming us. Redemption exceeds creation; the one is a monument of God's power, the other of his love. Oh, the infinite stupendous love of Christ in raising poor lapsed creatures from a state of guilt and damnation!

That Christ, who was God, should die! that this glorious Sun of Righteousness should be in an eclipse! We can never admire enough this love, no, never. That Christ should die for sinners! not sinful angels, but sinful men. That such clods of earth and sin should be made bright stars of glory! Oh, the amazing love of Christ!

That Christ should not only die for sinners, but die as a sinner! "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." (Cor 5: 21). He who was among the glorious persons of the Trinity, "was numbered with the transgressors." (Isa 53:12) Not that he had sin, but he was like a sinner, having our sins imputed to him. Sin did not live in him, but it was laid upon him. Here was a hyperbole of love enough to strike us with astonishment.

God shows His love for us in that:

While we were still a sinner, Christ died for us!

Since we have been justified by His blood

How much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God.

**While we were enemies, we were reconciled to God
by the death of His Son**

How much more now will we be saved by His life.

**We rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have now received reconciliation.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEVOTION

*Not What My Hands Have Done
Ushers come forward at this time.*

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

*READING OF GOD'S WORD

2 Samuel 17
Pew Bible Pg, 316-317

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Dr. Ralph Davis
"His Kingdom Cannot Fail"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

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*BENEDICTION

*GLORIA PATRI

#735

**Stand if you are able*

(1) Then Ahithophel said to Absalom, 'Let me choose 12,000 men and I'll get up and go after David tonight, (2) and I will come on him while he's weary and discouraged, and I shall rout him, and and all the people who are with him shall flee, and I shall only strike down the king, (3) and I will bring back all the people to you; the return of everyone rests on the man you are seeking—all the people will be at peace.' (4) And the advice seemed right to Absalom and all the elders of Israel.

(5) Then Absalom said, 'Please call Hushai the Archite as well. And let us hear what he also has to say.'

(6) So Hushai came to Absalom, and Absalom said to him: 'Ahithophel has spoken this way. Should we do what he says? If not, **you** speak.'

(7) Then Hushai said to Absalom, 'The advice Ahithophel has given this time is not good.'

(8) Hushai continued: '**You** know your father and his men—what warriors they are, and terribly bitter like a bear robbed of her cubs in the country—and your father is a man of war, and he won't spend the night with the people. (9) Why, even now he has hidden himself in one of the pits or in one of the (other) places; and then when some of them fall at the beginning and someone hears the report and someone says, "A blow has come against the people who follow Absalom," (10) then even the bravest soldier whose heart is like the heart of a lion will totally melt (in fear), for all Israel knows that your father is a warrior—and those with him are brave fighters. (11) But I advise: Let all Israel be gathered to you from Dan to Beersheba, like the sand on the seashore in number, with you personally going among them. (12) And we shall come to him in one of the places where he is found, and we shall come down on him as the dew falls on the ground, and no one will be left—not he or any of the men with him. (13) And should he gather himself into a city, then all Israel will bring ropes to that city, and we shall drag it into the stream-bed until not even a pebble can be found.'

(14) Then Absalom and all the men of Israel said, 'The counsel of

Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel.’ Now **Yahweh** had ordained to frustrate the good counsel of Ahithophel in order that Yahweh might bring disaster upon Absalom.

(15) Now Hushai said to Zadok and Abiathar the priests, ‘This is how Ahithophel advised Absalom and the elders of Israel, and this is how I advised (him). (16) So now, hurry and tell David: “Do not spend the night at the fords of the wilderness; rather you must immediately cross over”—lest the king and all the people who are with him be swallowed up.’

(17) And Jonathan and Ahimaaz were standing ready at the spring of Rogel, and a maid servant went and told them—and **they** were to go and tell king David, for they could not be seen entering the city. (18) But a lad saw them and told Absalom; so both of them went quickly and came to the house of a man in Bahurim—he had a well in his courtyard, and they went down into it.

(19) Then the wife took and spread a covering over the top of the well and spread around some drying grain over it—and no one knew any different. (20) When Absalom’s servants came to the woman at the house, they said, ‘Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan?’ And the woman said to them, ‘They’ve crossed over the stream of water.’ So they searched but did not find (them) and so returned to Jerusalem.

(21) After they went off they came up from the well and went and told king David; they said to David, ‘Get up and hurry across the water, for here’s how Ahithophel has advised against you.’ (22) So David rose up and all the people who were with him and went on crossing the Jordan until morning light, until there was no one who had not crossed the Jordan.

(23) Now **Ahithophel** saw that his advice had not been carried out; so he saddled (his) donkey, got up and went to his house, to his city; he organized his affairs and hung himself. So he died and was buried in his father’s grave.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

A Westminster Creed

I believe in the one true and living God.

I believe there are three persons in the one true and living God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

I believe in God the Father who has foreordained all things.

I believe the Father made all things of nothing, by His powerful Word, in the space of six days, and all very good. The Father, by His providence, preserves and governs all His creatures and all their actions.

I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Redeemer of God’s elect.

I believe that our Lord Jesus endured the miseries of this life, the wrath of God for us, the cursed death of the cross, and burial. He rose again from the dead on the third day, and ascended into heaven. He now sits at the right hand of God the Father and will come to judge the world on the last day.

I believe in the Holy Spirit who effectually applies the redemption of Christ to His elect.

I believe by the Holy Spirit’s sovereign grace we are effectually called, justified, and sanctified, and gathered into the visible church, out of which there is no ordinary possibility of salvation.

CONFESSION OF SIN

based on Daniel 9

Heavenly Father, You are the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant love with those who obey You. We have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from Your commandments. To You, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, because we have sinned against You. All of us have transgressed your law and turned aside, refusing to obey Your Voice. Listen to our pleas for mercy, and forgive us. Incline Your ear and hear. For we do not present our pleas before You because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive us through the sin-substitutionary death of Your Son Jesus. Amen.