

Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026

6:00pm Worship Service



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The Lord's Day

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Upon entering the sanctuary, please maintain silence for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure electronic devices are off or using silent mode.

** The congregation is invited to stand.*

+ The congregation is invited to kneel.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Congregational Prayer**

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

*Hymn

"The God of Abraham Praise"

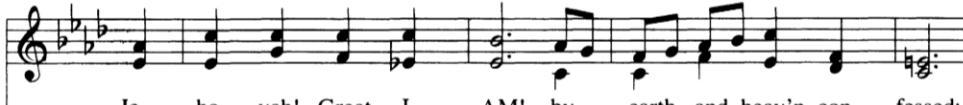
No. 34



1. The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove,
 2. The God of A - braham praise, at whose su - preme com - mand
 3. He by him - self hath sworn, I on his oath de - pend;
 4. The good - ly land I see, with peace and plen - ty blest,



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days and God of love.
 from earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.
 I shall, on ea - gles' wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and end - less rest.



Je - ho - vah! Great I AM! by earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 I all on earth for - sake, its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
 I shall be - hold his face, I shall his pow'r a - dore,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name, for - ev - er blest.
 and him my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for - ev - er - more.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow, with mer - cy crowned.

5. There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace.
On Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,
and glorious with his saints in light forever reigns.
6. The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

Thomas Olivers, 1770

LEONI 6.6.8.4.D.
Jewish melody
Arr. by Meyer Lyon, 1770

Psalm 55

Minister: Give ear to my prayer, O God,

***Congregation:* and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!**

² Attend to me, and answer me;

I am restless in my complaint and I moan,

³ because of the noise of the enemy,

because of the oppression of the wicked.

For they drop trouble upon me,

and in anger they bear a grudge against me.

⁴ My heart is in anguish within me;

the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

⁵ Fear and trembling come upon me,

and horror overwhelms me.

⁶ And I say, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove!

I would fly away and be at rest;

⁷ yes, I would wander far away;

I would lodge in the wilderness;

⁸ I would hurry to find a shelter

from the raging wind and tempest."

⁹ Destroy, O Lord, divide their tongues;

for I see violence and strife in the city.

¹⁰ Day and night they go around it

on its walls,

and iniquity and trouble are within it;

¹¹ ruin is in its midst;

oppression and fraud

do not depart from its marketplace.

¹² For it is not an enemy who taunts me—

then I could bear it;

it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—

then I could hide from him.

¹³ But it is you, a man, my equal,

my companion, my familiar friend.

¹⁴ We used to take sweet counsel together;

within God's house we walked in the throng.

¹⁵ Let death steal over them;

let them go down to Sheol alive;

for evil is in their dwelling place and in their heart.

¹⁶ But I call to God,

and the LORD will save me.

¹⁷ Evening and morning and at noon

I utter my complaint and moan,

and he hears my voice.

¹⁸ He redeems my soul in safety

from the battle that I wage,

for many are arrayed against me.

¹⁹ God will give ear and humble them,

he who is enthroned from of old,

because they do not change

and do not fear God.

²⁰ My companion stretched out his hand against his friends;

he violated his covenant.

²¹ His speech was smooth as butter,

yet war was in his heart;

his words were softer than oil,

yet they were drawn swords.

²² Cast your burden on the LORD,

and he will sustain you;

he will never permit

the righteous to be moved.

²³ But you, O God, will cast them down

into the pit of destruction;

men of blood and treachery

shall not live out half their days.

But I will trust in you.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

*Hymn

"Jerusalem the Golden"

No. 539

1. Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blest,
 2. They stand, those halls of Zi - on, all ju - bi - lant with song,
 3. There is the throne of Da - vid; and there, from care re - leased,
 4. O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, the home of God's e - lect!

be - neath your con - tem - pla - tion sink heart and voice op - pressed.
 and bright with man - y an an - gel, and all the mar - tyr throng.
 the song of them that tri - umph, the shout of them that feast;
 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try that ea - ger hearts ex - pect!

I know not, O I know not, what joys a - wait us there;
 The Prince is ev - er in them, the day - light is se - rene;
 and they who with their Lead - er have con - quered in the fight,
 Je - sus, in mer - cy bring us to that dear land of rest;

what ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, what bliss be - yond com - pare.
 the pas - tures of the bless - ed are decked in glo - rious sheen.
 for - ev - er and for - ev - er are clad in robes of white.
 who are, with God the Fa - ther and Spir - it, ev - er blest.

Catechism

Heidelberg Catechism: Questions #1 & 2

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

Congregation: 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

without 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.

Minister: What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

Congregation: Three things:

first, how great my sin and misery are;

second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery;

third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

Hymn

"O for a Closer Walk with God"

No. 534

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the Soprano part. The lyrics are as follows:

1. O for a clos - er walk with God, a calm and heav'n - ly frame,
 2. Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, sweet mes - sen - ger of rest;
 3. The dear - est i - dol I have known, what - e'er that i - dol be,
 4. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and se - rene my frame;

The score continues with the following lyrics:

a light to shine up - on the road that leads me to the Lamb!
 I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.
 help me to tear it from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee.
 so pur - er light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

William Cowper, 1779

BEATITUDO C.M.
 John B. Dykes, 1875

Scripture Lesson

1 Kings 14:21-31 (ESV)

²¹ Now Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city that the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. His mother's name was Naamah the Ammonite. ²² And Judah did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins that they committed, more than all that their fathers had done. ²³ For they also built for themselves high places and pillars and Asherim on every high hill and under every green tree, ²⁴ and there were also male cult prostitutes in the land. They did according to all the abominations of the nations that the LORD drove out before the people of Israel.

²⁵ In the fifth year of King Rehoboam, Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem. ²⁶ He took away the treasures of the house of the LORD and the treasures of the king's house. He took away everything. He also took away all the shields of gold that Solomon had made, ²⁷ and King Rehoboam made in their place shields of bronze, and committed them to the hands of the officers of the guard, who kept the door of the king's house. ²⁸ And as often as the king went into the house of the LORD, the guard carried them and brought them back to the guardroom.

²⁹ Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah? ³⁰ And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually. ³¹ And Rehoboam slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. His mother's name was Naamah the Ammonite. And Abijam his son reigned in his place.

Sermon

“The Hand that Rocks the Cradle Rules the World”

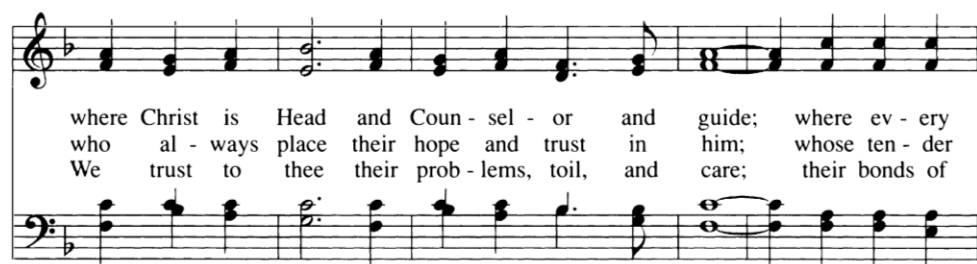
*Hymn

"A Christian Home"

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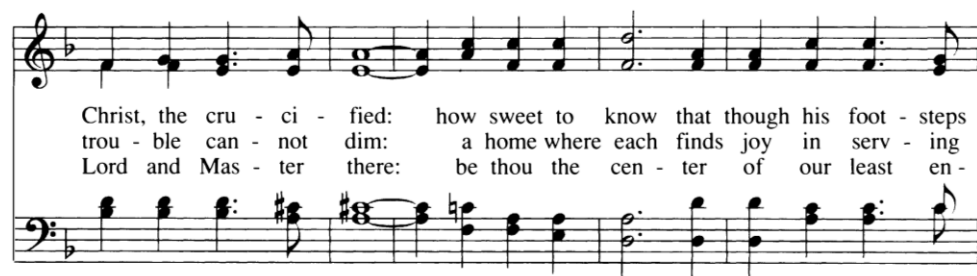
1. O give us homes built firm up - on the Sav - ior,
 2. O give us homes with god - ly fa - thers, moth - ers,
 3. O Lord, our God, our homes are thine for - ev - er!



where Christ is Head and Coun - sel - or and guide; where ev - ery
 who al - ways place their hope and trust in him; whose ten - der
 We trust to thee their prob - lems, toil, and care; their bonds of



child is taught his love and fa - vor and gives his heart to
 pa - tience tur - moil nev - er both - ers, whose calm and cour - age
 love no en - e - my can sev - er, if thou art al - ways



Christ, the cru - ci - fied: how sweet to know that though his foot - steps
 trou - ble can - not dim: a home where each finds joy in serv - ing
 Lord and Mas - ter there: be thou the cen - ter of our least en -

wa - ver, his faith - ful Lord is walk - ing by his side!
 oth - ers, and love still shines, tho' days be dark and grim.
 deav - or— be thou our guest, our hearts and homes to share.

Barbara B. Hart, 1965

FINLANDIA 11.10.11.10.11.10.
 Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr.

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***The Benediction**

+Silent Prayer

Postlude

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