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# SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

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Sunday, October 29, 2017, at 10:30AM

Pastor: Rev. Dave Poolman

Ministers: Every Member

Prelude

(\*Please stand if you are able.)

\*Gathering Song: “Before the Throne of God Above”

Verse 1

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heav’n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

Verse 2

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on him and pardon me,  
To look on him and pardon me.

Verse 3

Behold Him there! The Risen Lamb,  
My perfect spotless righteousness;  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased with His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

\*Invitation to Worship and God’s Greeting

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—which some seek to control,  
but which others view with despair—

**We declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God!**

From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until God’s kingdom  
fully comes, God keeps covenant forever.

**Our world belongs to God! God is King! Let the earth be glad!**

Christ is Victor; God’s rule has begun. Hallelujah! The Spirit is at work,  
renewing the creation.

**Praise the Lord!**

Grace, mercy, and peace to all who worship here, from God our Father, our  
Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen!**

\*We Greet Each Other

\*Songs of Praise

“A Mighty Fortress”  
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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Words for Thankful Living

On this day when we and others around the world remember the 500<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary of the Reformation,

**we thank God for His goodness to His church—past, present, and  
future.**

On this day when we remember the heart of the Reformation message:  
Scripture alone, grace alone, faith alone, through Christ alone, for the glory of  
God alone,

**we thank our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for making it possible  
for us, through His death and resurrection, to be made right with  
God and to enjoy eternal life.**

On this day when we remember that the church is constantly reforming,  
always seeking to be faithful to God in the midst of a broken and hurting  
world,

**we ask God for the courage and creativity we need to bring hope  
and healing to people who need it. May God be glorified through  
us and through His church, for Jesus’ sake. Amen!**

Song of Response:

“In Christ Alone”

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my all in all  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone! – Who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones He came to save:  
till on that cross as Jesus died;  
the wrath of God was satisfied  
for every sin on Him was laid:  
here in the death of Christ I live.



3. There in the ground His body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain:  
then bursting forth in glorious day  
up from the grave He rose again!  
and as He stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am His and He is mine –  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no human plan,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Offering: General Fund

Prayer for Understanding:

Elder Toby Lewis

Children's Message:

Brendan Flynn

(Children ages 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are dismissed out the side door to Children's Worship in Room A)

Scripture:

Matthew 25:31-40

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**Message: "Church Matters (V): Fine-Tuning Our Serve"**

Prayer

\*Song of Response:

"The Servant Song"

Burgundy 424

Praying Together

\*God's Blessing

\*Parting Praise:

"He is Lord"

He is Lord, He is Lord,  
He is risen from the dead  
and He is Lord!  
Every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is King, He is King,  
He will draw all nations to Him;  
He is King!  
And the time shall be  
when the world shall sing  
that Jesus Christ is King.

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**If you need prayer for yourself or someone you love, please come to the front of the church after the service. There will be Elders or others gifted in prayer to pray with you.**



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please check out our church's website:

[www.ascrc.org](http://www.ascrc.org)