

October 25, 2009, 9:15 am - Fresh Spirit Worship - Reformation Sunday

As we gather for worship,
please introduce yourself to those around you.
There are no strangers in God's house.

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

REFLECTION FOR PEACE

GATHERING THE PEOPLE

One: Be still, know that God is here.

All: *The mountains may rock, the waters may rage,
God will not be moved!*

One: Be still, know that God is here.

All: *Governments may fall, rulers may be overthrown,
God will not be moved!*

One: Be still, know that God is here.

All: *The terrorists may do their worst, civilization may hang in the
balance, God will not be moved!*

OPENING SONG (see insert) *Lord I Lift Your Name on High* Rick Founds

RENEWING THE COVENANT

One: You ask that we lay down strong foundations for our life in Christ,
O God;

All: *you show us your Word, with all its wisdom of the ages.*

One: You ask that we lay down strong foundations, O God;

All: *you remind us of your saints, and challenge us to examine their
values.*

One: You ask that we lay down strong foundations, O God;

All: *you call us to remember the faith community that nurtures us,
and rejoice in its service.*

One: you ask that we lay down strong foundations, O God;

All: *you direct us to the Crucified and Risen One, and recall us to
discipleship.*

-----time for silent reflection-----

One: Your foundations will be rocked and shaken,
but in God's strength you will be secure!

All: *We will recall the ground on which we stand:
Holy Ground, Gospel Ground, faithfully prepared,
and we will not be afraid.*

One: You will know peace in the storms of life.

All: *Thanks be to God! Amen.*

PASSING THE PEACE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 46

NIV

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

Selah

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;

God will help her at break of day.

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;

he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

The LORD Almighty is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Selah

Come and see the works of the LORD,

the desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth;

he breaks the bow and shatters the spear,

he burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth."

The LORD Almighty is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Selah

OFFERING OUR GIFTS BACK TO GOD

OFFERING SONG

Everlasting God

Brenton Brown/Ken Riley

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.

Our God, You reign forever, our hope, our Strong Deliverer.
You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God,
You do not faint, You won't grow weary.

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.

Our God, You reign forever, our hope, our Strong Deliverer.
You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God,
You do not faint, You won't grow weary.

You're the defender of the weak,
You comfort those in need,
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

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You do not faint, You won't grow weary.

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You comfort those in need,
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

From everlasting, to everlasting, 'cause You are everlasting.

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DOXOLOGY

We thank you God for all you have given.

Now we return a portion to you -

For all that we have, and all that we are,

We bring our gifts, and thank you God for life.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 7:15-25

CEV

In fact, I don't understand why I act the way I do. I don't do what I know is

right. I do the things I hate. Although I don't do what I know is right, I agree that the Law is good. So I am not the one doing these evil things. The sin that lives in me is what does them. I know that my selfish desires won't let me do anything that is good. Even when I want to do right, I cannot. Instead of doing what I know is right, I do wrong. And so, if I don't do what I know is right, I am no longer the one doing these evil things. The sin that lives in me is what does them. The Law has shown me that something in me keeps me from doing what I know is right. With my whole heart I agree with the Law of God. But in every part of me I discover something fighting against my mind, and it makes me a prisoner of sin that controls everything I do. What a miserable person I am. Who will rescue me from this body that is doomed to die? Thank God! Jesus Christ will rescue me. So with my mind I serve the Law of God, although my selfish desires make me serve the law of sin.

SERMON

A Mighty Fortress

Rev. Thomas D. York

FOCUS SONG (see insert) *The Breastplate of St. Patrick* Hart/Halligan, Jr.

I bind myself to the power of heaven.
I bind myself to the light of the sun,
The brightness of the moon,
The deepness of the sea;
I bind myself to the power of Christ.

(Refrain)

Christ with me and before me;

Christ behind me and within me;

Christ to the right of me ~ and to the left of me;

Christ above me and beneath me:

I bind myself to the virtue of Christ.

I bind myself to the guidance of angels.
I bind myself to the love of the Lamb,
For he alone is peace and he alone is light.
I bind myself to the guidance of Christ. **(Refrain)**

In the eyes of all who see me,
In the ears of all who hear me,
In the hearts of those who know me:
O God, uphold me.
Uphold me, Lord. **(Refrain)**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING SONG (see insert) *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* Martin Luther

BLESSING THE PEOPLE

Sources for today's liturgy: Gathering - David Sparks, *Prayers to Share, Year A*; Renewing the Covenant - David Sparks, *Prayers to Share, Year A*.

If you feel called to serve God by researching, writing or speaking liturgy in future services, please feel free to talk with any of the worship leaders or drop a note in the offering plate.

Fresh Spirit Prayer Request cards and offering envelopes are available in the black fellowship pad folders. If you have a prayer request, concern or joy you wish to share, please fill out a card and place it in the offering bags. All concerns and joys are welcome!

To Our Guests and Visitors

Welcome!

Welcome to Knox Presbyterian Church! We invite you to join us whenever we are gathered for worship: 9:15 am (Knox Commons); 11:00 am (Sanctuary), education, fellowship or service. Join us also for coffee hour between the 9:15 and 11:00 am services in the Knox Commons. Visitor information is available at the rear of Knox Commons, in the narthex and in the Michigan Avenue lobby. If you have questions, look for members wearing badges, or call Tom York in the church office, 321-2573x104.

Parking for Sunday Services

Parking can sometimes present challenges for those attending worship services or participating in other Knox events. In addition to the parking area off Michigan Avenue, we now have 13 additional parking spaces off Observatory Ave. On Sundays we are asking that the Observatory spaces be saved for use by individuals who are physically challenged. A map of available parking may be found on our website: www.knox.org

Restrooms

Men's and women's restrooms are available on the sanctuary level and on the basement level at the far north end of the building. Please follow the posted signs to their location.

Coatroom

The coatroom can be found off the Observatory Road narthex.

Caring for Children

Childcare for infants and toddlers is offered at 9:15 and 11:00 am during worship services. Please ask an usher or the Deacon on-duty in the Michigan Avenue lobby for directions to the nursery and childcare rooms.

Sunday School

At 9:15 am, Sunday School is available for children ages 3 years through grade 6. At 11:00 am, classes are held for children and youth ages 3 years old through 12th grade. Please check the bulletin insert for information about weekly Adult Education classes.

Hearing Enhancement Equipment Available

Hearing enhancement equipment is available to help you hear the service at 9:15 and 11:00 am. An usher would be happy to assist you. At the close of worship, please return the unit to an usher. Thank you!

Mobile Phones

Please turn off mobile phones, pagers and other mobile devices before the service begins. Thank you!

Printed Copies of Sermons

Printed copies of Sunday sermons are available at no cost. You will find them in the narthex (at the rear of the sanctuary) and in the Michigan Avenue lobby on Monday mornings.

Recycling

Please support the Knox Youth and our environment by dropping your Sunday bulletins and announcements in our Abitibi paper recycling boxes as you leave. Everyone is welcome to bring your home or office paper waste to place in the Abitibi bin located in the old parking lot.



Notes from Worship Today

Blank lines for notes from worship today.

Notes from Sermon Today

"The hymn is not polished and artistically wrought but rugged and strong like Luther himself, whose very words seem like deeds."

~ Louis Benson

It wasn't until 1736, when John and Charles Wesley, onboard a storm-tossed ship bound for the Crown colony of Savannah, Georgia, hear 26 Moravians stirring out-vie the elements with their hymns, that Anglo-Saxon Christians finally began to wake up to what German Protestants had been enjoying all along.

He is saying that a mighty fortress is not the pope, not the church, not the nation-states, not power, not money, not even my conscience.

"Where will you be Brother Martin, when Church, State, Princes and people turn against you? Where will you be then?" To which Luther answered, "Why, then as now, in the hands of Almighty God."

Those who believe in perfections of human beings simply show how little they have tried to live out their convictions.

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All Are Welcome

We are a joyful community



of Christian faith...
A growing reflection of God's love.

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