

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD  
October 25, 2009, 11:00 a.m. - Reformation Sunday

GATHERING

PRELUDE *In Thee is Gladness* arr. D. Bish

WELCOME

TOLLING OF THE CARILLON

INTROIT *To Thee We Sing*  
Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943); Text: From the Liturgy of *St. John Chrysostom*

To Thee we sing,  
We sing praise and bless Thy name,  
We give Thee humble thanks,  
O Lord God, O hear us,  
Lord God, hear our prayer.

CALL TO WORSHIP  
Leader: You are righteous, O Lord, and your judgments are right.

**All:** *You have appointed your decrees in righteousness and in all faithfulness.*

Leader: Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness and your law is truth.

**All:** *Your decrees are righteous forever. Give us understanding that we may live.*

Leader: Let us worship God together.

\*+HYMN 191 *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength* Winchester Old

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All:** *And also with you.*

Leader: In faith, let us confess our sin to God. Let us pray.

**All:** *God of the future, you grant visions and dreams to those who look to your Spirit for guidance, who incline their ears to hear your word anew. You sustain with your power all who purpose to follow you. Grateful for our strong and wide heritage, staked out by men and women of courage and faith, we have been afraid to step out like they did, when your spirit urges your people further forward. Forgive our fear of where you may lead, and of what you may require of us. Open our hearts and eyes to a fresh vision of Jesus, who ever leads us forward into your coming kingdom.*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

TIME WITH CHILDREN

~ Children are invited to hear God's Word in their classes ~

ANTHEM *O Praise the Lord from the Heavens*  
Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943); Text: From the Liturgy of *St. John Chrysostom*

O praise the Lord from the heavens,  
O praise the Lord in the heights,  
O praise ye the Lord.  
O praise Him.  
Alleluia.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 46 NRSV

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah*

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

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*  
Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end 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 am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

OFFERTORY *Salvation is Created*  
Pavel Chesnokov (1877-1944); Text: Psalm 74

Salvation is created in the midst of the earth,  
O God, of earth, O God.  
Alleluia.

\*DOXOLOGY (591) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 7:15-25 NRSV

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

SERMON *A Mighty Fortress*  
The Rev. Thomas D. York

\*HYMN 260 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Ein' Feste Burg

SHARING OF CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN 430 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* Darwall's 148th

\*CHARGE AND CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* D. Cherwien

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\*Please stand as you are able + Latecomers may be seated

Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Munn and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred M. Battistini.

The bulletin cover depicts one of Geneva, Switzerland's more famous landmarks, set in the Parc des Bastions. It features the main founders of the Protestant faith. The monument was designed by a Lausanne architect at the turn of the 20th century. It was inaugurated in 1909 for the 400th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin. (This year marks the 500th anniversary!) It represents John Calvin, William Farel, Theodore Beza and John Knox. At their feet are smaller figures with various other Protestant leaders from other European countries, including Oliver Cromwell. The austerity of the monument is seen as a symbol of the mindset of old Geneva Protestant families.

John Calvin, William Farel and Theodore Beza were all French theologians while John Knox was a Scottish clergyman.

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