

CHRIST REFORMED
EVANGELICAL CHURCH



Covenant Renewal Worship

The Lord's Day

October 9, 2011

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements

The LORD Calls His People Into His Presence

Prelude

Silent preparation for worship

Call to Worship

Is. 59-21 (selected)

Then the LORD saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no justice. He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; and His own righteousness, it sustained Him. For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head.

“The Redeemer will come to Zion...as for Me,” says the LORD, “this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants’ descendants,” says the LORD, “from this time and forevermore.”

We Enter Into the LORD’s Presence

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts!

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord!

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

Congregation: It is proper and right to do so.

Celebrant: We praise and magnify your glorious Name,

Congregation: Evermore praising you and singing,

All: Amen!

Prayer of Praise

Psalm 42: “As the Hart, About to Falter” (p. 76-77)

The LORD Purifies and Renews Us

Call to Confess Our Sins

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Celebrant: O come, let us worship and bow down;

Congregation: Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

All who are able, please kneel in humility before the LORD

Celebrant: Lord, hear our confession,

Congregation: And cleanse us from our sin.

All: Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. But you, O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help us, we beseech you, to live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

The LORD Assures Us that Our Sins Are Forgiven

Psalm 84: "How Lovely, Lord of Hosts, to Me" (p. 120)

Psalm 5: "Give Ear, O Lord, to All My Thoughts" (p. 6)

The LORD Consecrates Us By His Word

Let us give our full and careful attention to the reading of God's Holy Word

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 32:1-14

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

Reader: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

Congregation: Praise be to You, O Christ.

As Forgiven Saints, We Boldly Approach the Throne of Our Father Through Our Only Mediator, Jesus Christ

The Prayer of the Church

Adoration and Praise,
Giving of Thanks,
Petitions of the Church,
Prayers of the Saints

Choral response

Hear our prayer O Lord, Hear our prayer O Lord, In-
cline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. A- men.

We Confess Our Common Faith in Song: "We All Believe" (p. 404)

The Doxology

We lift our hands and hearts to the LORD

God Speaks to His Church in the Proclamation of His Holy and Inspired Word

Sermon

Mr. CJ Bowen

Preeminent in All Things

Colossians 1:15-23

The Passing of the Peace

We greet one another with "The peace of Christ be with you."

The LORD Communes With Us

Instruction and Invitation to the Meal

We Give Thanks for the Bread

Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation" (p. 327)

sung during distribution

We Eat God's Food

We Give Thanks for the Cup

(The inner circle of cups contains grape juice)

Hymn: "The Son of God Goes Forth to War (p. 282)

sung during distribution

We Drink the Cup of the New Covenant

We Offer Ourselves to God by Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

The Gloria Patri

The LORD Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

Benediction