

**PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH
TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORSHIP AT HOME AND IN THE SANCTUARY
October 17, 2021
10:00 A.M.**

Welcome to the Preakness Reformed Church!

“Jesus of Nazareth. To some he is the grand prototype of all the distilled longing of humankind, for wholeness...the Eternal Presence hovering over all the myriad needs of humanity ...giving a lift to those whom weariness has overtaken in the long march...calling out the hidden purposes of destiny. To some he is more than a presence; he is the God fact, the Divine Moment...a man who found the answer to life’s riddle. When men and women look into his face, they see the glory of their own possibilities, and their hearts whisper, thank you and thank God!”
~Howard Thurman

✠ *Congregation standing, as able*
Bold Text is spoken in unison by the congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP **556** A Song of Creation

✠ OPENING SONG OF PRAISE **555** Let All Creation’s Wonders THAXTED

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Jesus and our God, you hold our lives in the palm of your hands, and you save us from delusion, illusion, and futility by sharing our existence. You are the heart and soul of the universe.

Merciful God, you know our weaknesses and struggles, and You do not hold them against us; among the many confessions we might make to you, we focus on this one: we are an enigma to ourselves.

- ~When do our good deeds stem from love,
and when from a disguised selfishness?
- ~Are some of the things we call our weaknesses
really our strengths, and could some of our supposed
virtues really be our weaknesses?
- ~How do we separate what we call our high principles
from a closed mind, or humility from an inverted pride?

As we seek Your forgiveness, we ask that You would awaken us, transform our hearts and souls, so we might see with the eyes your heart, seeking always to so follow in the steps of Christ Jesus...

▼ silence for personal confession

GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND GRACE

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

(Please offer a sign of joy and peace safely to one another
in the Sanctuary and at home.)

GUIDANCE FROM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **754**

CANONBURY

Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak
(verses 1,3,5)

SCRIPTURE READING

Job 38:1-7, 34-41 (pg.453)

Mark 10:35-45 (pg. 47)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"GOAT Reverses Trends for GOATs"

CHANCEL CHOIR

Teach Me Your Way, O Lord

Lloyd Larson

ENGAGING GOD'S GUIDANCE

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND LONGING..concluding with the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

☒ THE BELHAR CONFESSION

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☒ CLOSING SONG **281** God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand NATIONAL HYMN
(verses 1,3,4)

☒ THE BLESSING AND SENDING

☒ POSTLUDE

*Assisting God's people in worship this morning are Rev. Mary L. Marcus, worship leader;
Cindy Van Lunen, liturgist; Holly Ryan, worship host; Chancel Choir,
Daniel King, Director of Music Ministries and Kevin Lynch, accompanist.
Thanks to our Tech Team including Jerry Declet, Bruce Hinnens,
Roger Miller, and Glenn O'Connell*

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We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit.

We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people:

- ♥ **that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;**
- ♥ that God calls the church to follow him in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
- ♥ **that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;**
- ♥ that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right
- ♥ **that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;**
- ♥ that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family...that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways:

- ♥ **in that we love one another;**
- ♥ **that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;**
- ♥ **that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another. So be it!**

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Let All Creation's Wonders

PSALM 148

Unison B \flat E \flat F7/C B \flat E \flat F Gm

1 Let all cre - a - tion's won - ders and count - less an - gel hordes
 2 From far be - neath the o - ceans let joy - ful songs a - rise,
 3 So let us lift our voic - es for all that we are worth

E \flat F7/C B \flat E \flat ma7 Cm B \flat

u - nite in cease - less wor - ship to praise the Lord of lords:
 while hail and wind and light - ning toss psalms a - cross the skies.
 to God whose time - less splen - dor sur - pass - es heaven and earth:

F Gm F B \flat F B \flat E \flat

he spoke, and formed the cos - mos; he set the stars in place;
 You beasts of farm and jun - gle, let na - ture's hymn be heard;
 in love he chose and called us, a peo - ple of his own,

Gm E \flat B \flat Cm/E \flat Gm F

his voice de - fines the con - tours of in - ter - stel - lar space—
 tell out your mak - er's great - ness, each in - sect, ev - ery bird;
 and gave to us a Sav - ior to make his mer - cy known.

For other settings of Ps. 148 see 6, 550

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Music (THAXTED 7.6.7.6 triple): Gustav Holst (1874-1934), 1921, P.D.

E^b $F7/C$ B^b/D E^b F Gm
 let sun and moon ex - tol him and ev - ery plan - et sing;
 you peo - ples and you rul - ers, ac - knowl - edge him as King—
 His name a - lone we hon - or; our life - long praise we bring;

E^b $F7/C$ B^b E^bmaj7 Cm B^b
 a - cross the con - stel - la - tions let al - le - lu - ias ring.
 from ev - ery gen - er - a - tion let al - le - lu - ias ring.
 from deep with - in our spir - its let al - le - lu - ias ring!

A Song of Creation (Benedicite)

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All you works of the Lord: **ble^ss the Lord.**
 Angels and all heavenly hosts: **ble^ss the Lord.**
 Sun, moon, and stars: **ble^ss the Lord.**
 Rain and dew, wind and cloud: **ble^ss the Lord.**
 Fire and ice, summer and winter: **ble^ss the Lord.**
 Night and day, light and darkness: **ble^ss the Lord.**
 Mountains and hills, all that grows in the ground: **ble^ss the Lord.**
 Rivers and seas, all that has life in the water: **ble^ss the Lord.**
 Birds of the air, wild beasts, and tame animals: **ble^ss the Lord.**
 People on earth, you servants of the Lord: **ble^ss the Lord.**
 Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, **for his mercy endures forever.**

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Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak

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1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
truths which you im - part. And wing my words that

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
I may feed your hun - gry ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.

4 O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflows
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

5 O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

Words: France R. Havergal, 1872, alt., P.D.

Music (CANONBURY 8.8.8.8): Robert A. Schumann, 1839, from *Nachtstücke*, Op. 23, No. 4, P.D.

God of The Ages, Whose Almighty Hand 281

Chords: Eb, Bbsus, Bb, Eb, Cm, Gm, Bb, Fsus, F, Bb, Gb, Bbm, Fsus, F7, Bb, Eb, Ab, Eb, Fm, Bbsus, Bb7, Eb

Lyrics:

1 God of the a - ges, whose al - might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 past; in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
 way; lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:
 be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;
 may true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,
 fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine;

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy Word our law, thy paths our chos - en way.
 thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 all glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

Words: Daniel C. Roberts, 1876, alt., P.D.

Music (NATIONAL HYMN 10.10.10.10): George W. Warren, 1892, P.D.