



**POPLAR SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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**The Lord's Day, October 30th, 2022**  
**Reformation Day**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR*

*MEDITATION AND PREPARATION*

Prelude

*CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 99:1-3,

"The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is He!"

*Minister:* Lift up your hearts unto the Lord!

*Congregation:* **We lift them up!**

*HYMN*

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God  
Celebration Hymnal #151

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*THE LAW OF GOD*

Jeremiah 9:23-24

Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom; Let not the mighty man glory in his might, nor let the rich man glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord.

*Private Confession*

*Corporate Confession*

*Minister:* We make this, our corporate confession, unto God:

***All:* "Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. We confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your will, we cling to our will. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen."**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

Ephesians 2:8-9: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

*Minister:* Your sins are forgiven through Christ.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God!**

*DOXOLOGY*

Doxology

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

Celebration Hymnal #815

**CONSECRATION**

*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION*

*SCRIPTURE READING*

*Minister:* The Word of the Lord.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-47

*Minister:* May God bless the reading of His Word.

*Congregation:* **Amen.**

*PASTORAL PRAYER*

*Minister:* We make these petitions, ending with the prayer our Lord taught us to pray:

*All:*           **"Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
Your 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 do not lead us into temptation,  
But deliver us from the evil one.  
For Yours is the kingdom and the  
power and the glory forever.  
Amen."** (Matthew 6:9-13)

*PSALM*

Psalm 1

Tune: ST ANNE

Celebration Hymnal #686, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

**O greatly bless-ed is the man  
Who walketh not astray  
In counsel of ungodly men,  
Nor stands in sinners' way,  
  
Nor sitteth in the scorner's chair,  
But placeth his delight  
Upon GOD'S law, and meditates  
On His law day and night.**

**He shall be like a tree that grows  
Set by the water side,  
Which in its season yields its fruit,  
And green its leaves abide;**

**And all he does shall prosper well.  
The wicked are not so,  
But are like chaff which by the wind  
Is driven to and fro.**

**In judgment, therefore, shall not stand  
Such as ungodly are,  
Nor in th'assembly of the just  
Shall wicked men appear.**

**Because the way of godly men  
Is to Jehovah known,  
Whereas the way of wicked men  
Shall quite be overthrown.**

#### *SERMON*

"The New Testament Plan of Ministry" - Acts 6:1-8

#### MICHAEL MADDEN TESTIMONY

#### CHARGE TO MICHAEL MADDEN:

Do you promise to strive to so live that you may honor Christ by your life; and do you promise, in the presence of this congregation, to accept the responsibility of the office of deacon in this church, and to the best of your knowledge and ability to discharge all duties of this office?

#### CHARGE TO CHURCH:

Do you, members of this congregation, acknowledge this man as a deacon in the church; do you promise to encourage and pray for him in this office, and cooperate with him, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit to fulfill the mission of the Church?

#### LAYING ON OF HANDS BY ALL ORDAINED MEN

#### *HYMN*

Now Thank We All Our God  
Celebration Hymnal #788

## **COMMISSIONING**

#### *BENEDICTION*

*Minister:* "Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen." (Jude 1:24-25)

*Congregation:* **Amen.**

Postlude

## What is Reformation Day All About?

By Robert Rothwell - Ligonier Ministries

On October 31, much of the culture will be focused on candy and things that go bump in the night. Protestants, however, have something far more significant to celebrate on October 31. It's Reformation Day, which commemorates what was perhaps the greatest move of God's Spirit since the days of the Apostles. But what is the significance of Reformation Day, and how should we consider the events it commemorates?

At the time, few would have suspected that the sound of a hammer striking the castle church door in Wittenberg, Germany, would soon be heard around the world and lead ultimately to the greatest transformation of Western society since the apostles first preached the Gospel throughout the Roman empire. Martin Luther's nailing of his Ninety-Five Theses to the church door on October 31, 1517, provoked a debate that culminated finally in what we now call the Protestant Reformation.

Luther recaptured the biblical view of the priesthood of all believers, showing all people that their work had purpose and dignity because in it they can serve their Creator. An heir of Bishop Augustine of Hippo, Martin Luther is one of the most significant figures God has raised up since that time. This law student turned Augustinian monk became the center of a great controversy after his theses were copied and distributed throughout Europe. Initially protesting the pope's attempt to sell salvation, Luther's study of Scripture soon led him to oppose the church of Rome on issues including the primacy of the Bible over church tradition and the means by which we are found righteous in the sight of God.

This last issue is probably Luther's most significant contribution to Christian theology. Though preached clearly in the New Testament and found in the writings of many of the church fathers, the medieval bishops and priests had largely forgotten the truth that our own good works can by no means merit God's favor. Salvation is by grace alone through faith alone, and good works result from our faith, they are not added to it as the grounds for our right standing in the Lord's eyes (Eph. 2:8-10). Justification, God's declaration that we are not guilty, forgiven of sin, and righteous in His sight comes because through our faith alone the Father imputes, or reckons to our account, the perfect righteousness of Christ (2 Cor. 5:21).

Martin Luther's rediscovery of this truth led to a whole host of other church and societal reforms and much of what we take for granted in the West would have likely been impossible had he never graced the scene. Luther's translation of the Bible into German put the Word of God in the hands of the people, and today Scripture is available in the vernacular language of many countries, enabling lay people to study it with profit. He reformed the Latin mass by putting the liturgy in the common tongue so that non-scholars could hear and understand the preached word of God and worship the Lord with clarity. Luther lifted the unbiblical ban on marriage for the clergy and by his own teaching and example radically transformed the institution itself. He recaptured the biblical view of the priesthood of all believers, showing all people that their work had purpose and dignity because in it they can serve their Creator.

Today, Luther's legacy lives on in the creeds and confessions of Protestant bodies worldwide. As we consider his importance this Reformation Day, let us equip ourselves to be knowledgeable proclaimers and defenders of biblical truth. May we be eager to preach the gospel of God to the world and thereby spark a new reformation of church and culture.

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# SERVICES

## THE LORD'S DAY

Morning Worship 10:00 AM

Fellowship Meal 11:30 AM

NO EVENING SERVICES

## WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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