

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

October 8, 2017

We gather today as “the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant ...” Hebrews 12:23-24a

A Time for Preparation

Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Glorious God,

It is the flame of my life to worship you, the crown and glory of my soul and to adore you, heavenly pleasure to approach you. Give me power by your Spirit to help me worship now, that I may forget the world, be brought into fullness of life, be refreshed, comforted, and blessed. Give me knowledge of your goodness that I might not be over-awed by your greatness. Give me Jesus, Son of Man, Son of God, that I might not be terrified, but be drawn near with filial love, with holy boldness. He is my Mediator, Brother, Interpreter, Branch, and Lamb; him I glorify, in him I am set on high. Crowns to give I have none, but what you have given me I return, content to feel that everything is mine when it is thine, and the more fully mine when I have yielded it to thee. Let me live wholly to my Savior, free from distractions, from distressing cares, from hindrances to the pursuit of the narrow way. I am pardoned through the blood of Jesus—give me a new sense of it, continue to pardon me by it, may I come every day to the fountain, and every day be washed anew, that I may worship you always in spirit and truth.

(The Valley of Vision Prayer Book)

Ringing of Bell Judah Gosnell

Announcements..... Deacon

A Time for Praise:

Prelude

Call to Worship

Scripture and Prayer Pastor Bruce Ostrom

• *Hymn of Praise* *Amazing Grace* Hymn #402

A Time for Offering:

• *Offertory Hymn* *I Asked the Lord That I Might Grow* Hymn #732

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Tithes and Offerings Ushers

A Time for Hearing God's Word:

Choral Message *Hallelujah, What a Savior* arr. Parks

Message Pastor Bruce Ostrom

Pastoral Prayer

A Time for Surrender:

• *Closing Hymn* *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*Hymn #542

• Benediction

Postlude

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!” (2 Corinthians 13:14)

Affirmation of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism (1563) 1978 Translation

1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me, that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him. (Rom 14:7,8; 1 Cor 6:19; 1 Cor 3:23; 1 Pet 1:18,19; 1 John 1:7, 2:2, 3:8; John 6:39; Matt 10:29, 30; Luke 21:18; Rom 8:28; 2 Cor 1:21, 22. Eph 1:13,14. Rom 8:16; Rom 8:1)

2. How many things are necessary for you to know, that in this comfort you may live and die happily?

Three things: the first, how great my sin and misery is; the second, how I am redeemed from all my sins and misery; the third, how I am to be thankful to God for such redemption. (1 Luke 24:46,47. 1 Cor 6:11. Titus 3:3-7. 2 John 9:41. John 15:22. 3 John 17:3. 4 Eph 5:8-11. 1 Pet 2:9-12. Rom 6:11-14. * Rom 7:24, 25. * Gal 3:13. * Col 3:17)

Opportunities of the Week

Sunday, October 8

6:00 p.m. Choir Practice
6:00 p.m. AWANA
7:00 p.m. Evening Service

Monday, October 9

10:00 a.m. Prayer Group 5
6:00 p.m. Prayer Group 6

Tuesday, October 10

10:00 a.m. Mission Action

Wednesday, October 11

7:00 p.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Children's Ministry

Saturday, October 14

9:00 a.m. Prayer Group 7

Nursery this week: Mary Brock

Nursery next week: Crystal Thomson

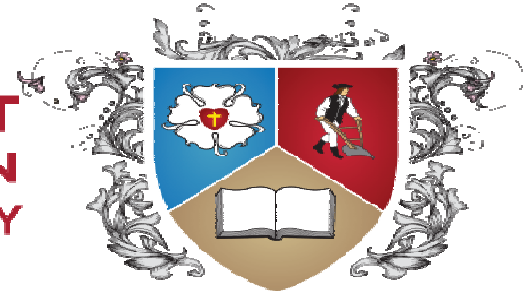
Church Watch this month: Jerry Crawford

The Reformation Changed the Way We Sing

Collin Hansen's Interview with Keith Getty

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We know the Reformation recovered biblical theology, with the five *solas* But did you know the Reformation also changed the way we sing? Did you know that without the Reformation, we might not even sing at all in the church today?

To learn more about this Reformation legacy and how we can recover more of it for congregational singing today, I looked to help from award-winning songwriter and musician Keith Getty... Our interview explores how the Reformers would assess our singing today, how our churches may need to change, and more.

What was the biggest change the Reformation effected in congregational worship, particularly with music?

Well, pretty much everything changed, seeing as congregational singing had been banned by the Roman Catholic Church. Indeed, Jan Hus was martyred in Konstanz two centuries earlier on the basis of three heresies—one of which was encouraging congregational singing.

Martin Luther re-established congregational singing to the center of church life, which gradually took root over the next century. It was one of the ways he made the church service an active experience, as opposed to the previously passive experience in which the congregation had no voice. He also collated a collection of chorales with the basic conviction that people should rehearse the gospel in the songs they sang to one another.

If the Reformers could yell, “Stop!” at one thing we do with music in the church today, what would it be?

There are probably a number, sadly, but from the strictly musical perspective, it'd be that we should begin with the holy act of God's people singing as the center of the musical experience, and then work out from there.

Whether you have a more Lutheran view of singing (high view of the role of instrumental music in the service and with the singing) or more Calvin/Knox/Edwards (preferred unaccompanied singing or absolute simplicity of accompaniment), the Reformers all had a high view of singing. Calvin and Edwards had some of the finest musicians

in their churches teach congregational part singing, because they realized how encouraging this was for personal, family, and church life. Many of the towns in New England influenced by the Reformation would teach singing on a Wednesday night in order to teach parts and to prepare for Sunday.

I would dare to say less than 5 percent of our Reformed churches are taking congregational singing as seriously as any of these guys did. I've heard Ligon Duncan say, "There is no part of the worship life more in need of reformation than congregational singing."

You've told me that the Reformation prioritized singing and preaching the Word, but that 80 percent of our focus as modern Protestants has been on preaching. What are we missing in this lack of attention to singing the Word?

Luther's context was similar to ours in some ways—a generation of somewhat-new believers not used to singing. We live in a world today with more Christians than ever before, most of whom have little theological understanding of why we sing, or experience in how to do it. Luther taught why we sing. He also curated songs that gave people a deep, rich understanding of the God of the Bible and the gospel he offers. We arguably live in the first generation in Judeo-Christian history where most people have no curation of the songs they sing (psalms, liturgy, hymn books, or localized sources), so people are finding their songs from corporate commercial music companies. Luther also worked with musicians to create and lead passionate singing.

What one practice could a church adopt today that would build on the Reformation's worship legacy?

The biggest challenge is for pastors to actually take the lead. Period.

To pass the responsibility or blame someone else is as nonsensical as me blaming bad behavior of my children on their ballet teacher. The churches with the great congregational singing are the churches with the pastor who really, really cares. The music can be contemporary, traditional, black gospel, unaccompanied psalm singing, with or without choirs, leaders, sound systems or hymn books. It doesn't matter.

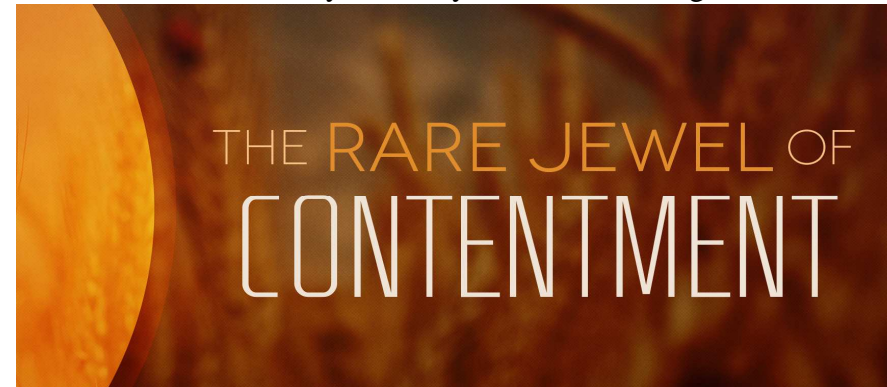
Luther prioritized curating the hymns his churches would sing, explaining why they should sing, and then setting to work on teaching and encouraging his people. That's the single thing that needs to change most.

After that we're encouraging churches for the Reformation year to ask each week only what the singing is like in their church and to work backward from there as to how to build the musical worship in their church.

We thank you for worshipping with us today. We trust that your heart has been encouraged, your spirit filled, and that you will leave here equipped for the work to which God has called you. If you would like to find out more information about Poplar Springs Baptist Church, please visit our website: www.poplarspringsws.org or call (864) 861-2196.

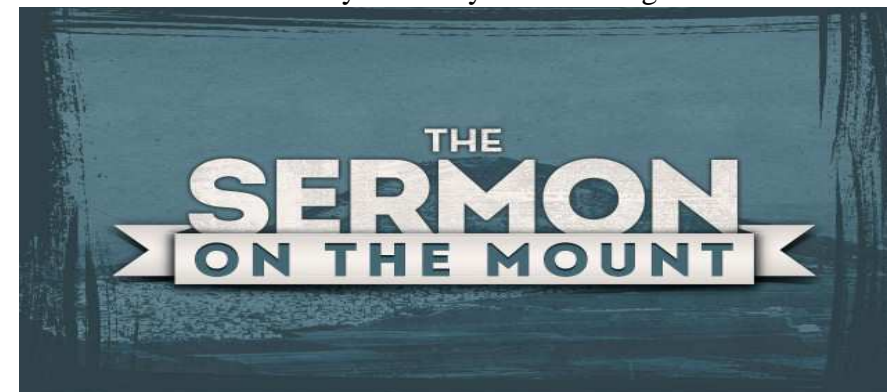
Sunday Evening Service

Bible Study Series by Jeremiah Burroughs



Wednesday Evening Service

Bible Study Series by Sinclair Ferguson



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*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."
Colossians 3:16*

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Sunday School: 10:00 am

Worship: 11:00 am