

CONGREGATIONAL
LITANY OF PRAISE

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1: a prayer consisting of a series of invocations and supplications by the leader with alternate responses by the congregation.

2: a resonant or repetitive chant; a repetition of cheering phrases, often sung.

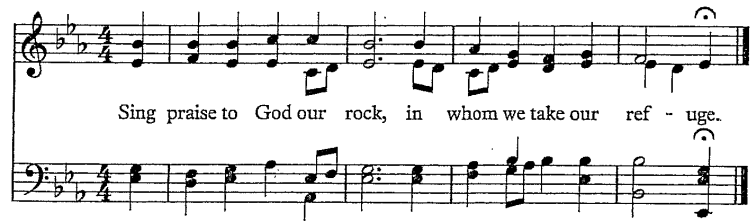
Our Scripture Litany this morning focuses our attention on 1 Peter 1 where we are reminded that God is our Rock in whom we take refuge. Because of who Christ is, and what He has done for us (that only He could) -- we can take great comfort in His grace and protection -- and greatly rejoice in it.

The reading of God's Word, with a congregational sung or spoken response, has been a corporate act of worship in the church for centuries.

Let us receive God's Word... and respond to it... with great joy today.

LITANY OF PRAISE

1 PETER 1:3-9



SPOKEN: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. (*sung refrain)

SPOKEN: In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith - of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire - may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. (*sung refrain)

SPOKEN: Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (*sung refrain)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER TIME

GLORIOUS AND MIGHTY

SOVEREIGN GRACE MUSIC

Majesty, Your glory is shining Brighter than the moon and the stars
Marveling, we honor and fear You Above all gods

Glorious and mighty, You're awesome In beauty
Joyful songs we raise
Glorious and mighty, You're awesome in beauty
Greatly to be praised

Majesty, You fashioned the heavens Your decrees can never be changed
Over all the plans of the nations Your judgments reign

Majesty, we'll sing with creation When You come again in the clouds
Every knee will bow down and worship The one true God

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GORY
ECBC ORCHESTRA

CONGREGATIONAL GREETINGS

BABY DEDICATIONS

GRAHAM ADAM CZERWINSKI
BENJAMIN THEODORE ERDMAN

THE MORNING SERMON

CONRAD "BUSTER" BROWN, SENIOR PASTOR

RESPONSE

GO FORTH AND TELL!

Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take:
Proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord and King,
That all the world his worthy praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
Go till all nations his great name adore
And serve him, Lord and King for evermore.

REFORMATION 500

2017 marks the 500 year anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the door of a church building in Wittenberg, Germany. While not seeking to separate from the Roman Catholic church, he called for substantive and specific changes in her practices and theology.

Luther was joined by many other Reformers whose teachings were eventually summarized in what we call the Five Solas, "sola" being a Latin word meaning "alone" or "only."

- Sola Scriptura: *Scripture alone*
- Solus Christus: *Christ alone*
- Sola Fide: *faith alone*
- Sola Gratia: *grace alone*
- Soli Deo Gloria: *glory to God alone*

These phrases carry such weight because they keep us from our sinful tendency to base our justification before God on something other than what God has done for us in Christ and revealed to us in his Word.

The Five Solas

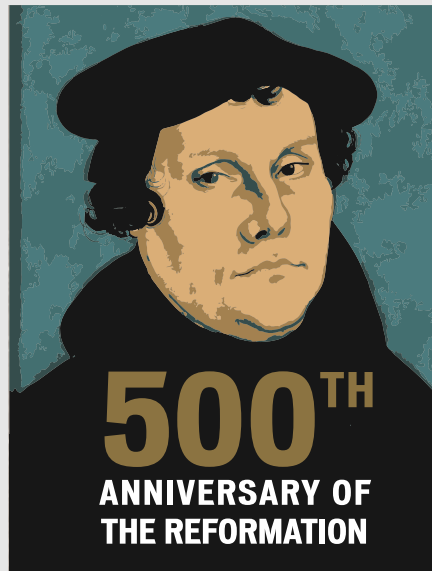
Our final authority is **Scripture alone**, not amended or added to by tradition, opinion, or church councils.

The basis of our forgiveness before God is **Christ alone**, not saints, Mary, angels, or any other being. In his substitutionary sacrifice on the cross Jesus completely bore God's righteous wrath against us. His payment was full, final, and effective.

Our justification before God is by **faith alone**. God declares us righteous in his eyes not because he sees righteousness in us but because we fully rest and trust in the work of Christ on the cross to pay for our sins and because we receive his perfect righteousness as a gift.

We are justified by **grace alone**, through God's kind, gracious, and free initiative. He gives us what we don't deserve and could never earn: forgiveness, transformation into Christ's image, and adoption into his family.

All of this is accomplished for **God's glory alone**. For eternity, praises will redound to the God whose wisdom, power, and love ordained that he would have a people from every tribe, language, and nation to share in his Triune joy forever.



CHURCH-WIDE COMBINED WORSHIP CELEBRATION

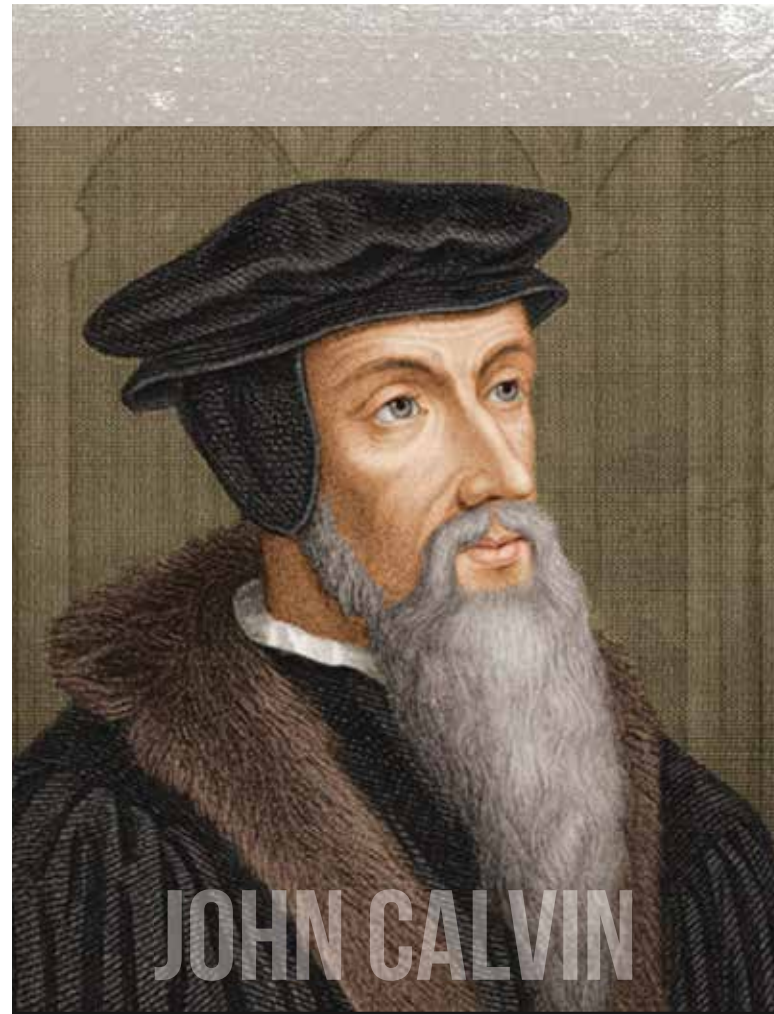
Reformation Sunday
October 29 • 6 pm

A worship time centering
around the 5 Solas of the
reformation led by our
ECBC Choir, Orchestra and
Worship Band



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THROUGH
THE CROSS.

REFORMATION
2017 It's *Still* All About
Jesus



WORSHIPGUIDE

Please use the following prayer to prepare your hearts for worship:

GOD OF GRACE, AND GOD OF GLORY, on your people pour your power; crown your ancient church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore.

May we adore You with our hearts and voices this day.

Amen.

This year marks the 500th anniversary of the beginnings of the Protestant Reformation as Martin Luther nailed a list of grievances against the Catholic Church onto the door of a chapel in Wittenberg, Germany in October, 1517.

Our services in October will center around the themes the Reformation brought to the forefront of the church that mark who we are and how we worship.

REFLECTION THOUGHTS FOR WORSHIP PREPARATION

Till God has been recognized as a Saviour, the minds of men are not free to indulge in true and full joy, but will remain in doubt and anxiety. It is God's fatherly kindness alone, and the salvation flowing from it, that fill the soul with joy.

- John Calvin

A gospel is an announcement of something that has happened in history, something that's been done for you that changes your status forever. Right there you can see the difference between Christianity and all other religions, including no religion.

The essence of other religions is advice; Christianity is essentially news.

Other religions say, "This is what you have to do in order to connect to God forever; this is how you have to live in order to earn your way to God."

But the gospel says, "This is what has been done in history. This is how Jesus lived and died to earn the way to God for you."

Christianity is completely different. It's joyful news... the gospel is not about choosing to follow advice, it's about being called to follow a King.

Not just someone with the power and authority to tell you what needs to be done—but someone with the power and authority to do what needs to be done, and then to offer it to you as good news.

-Tim Keller

But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

-- Psalm 13:5-6

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

There are few songs that adequately describe the person and work of Jesus in such a succinct package.

In just a few short verses, *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery* rehearses the entire gospel story, beginning with the incarnation, moving to Christ's life and death, and concluding triumphantly with the resurrection.

At his first coming, Jesus came to bear our judgment and stand in our place, so that at his second coming there would be no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, and nothing that could separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

So let us respond to God's invitation to come and worship, and behold, the wondrous mystery that is Christ Jesus our Lord!

PRELUDE

MORNING WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS VIDEO

SCRIPTURE PROCLAMATION COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

[Christ] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY MATT PAPA

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

"Come, Thou Almighty King" is one of our oldest English hymns, but its authorship is unknown. It was published in or before 1757, and one of the oldest imprints is in a four-page Methodist pamphlet. Some people have attributed it to Charles Wesley. A number of old sources speculate that the real author was Rev. Martin Maden (1726-1790), who was an English lawyer-turned-Methodist-preacher with a reputation as a stirring orator and a gifted musician.

At first, this hymn was sung to the same tune as "God Save the King." On the American side of the Atlantic, we use the same tune for "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

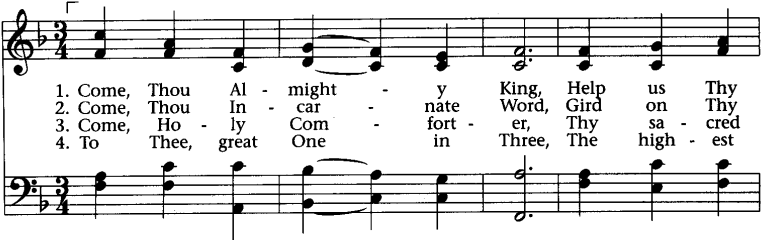
There's an interesting story connected with this hymn. During the American Revolution, while British troops were occupying New York City and appeared to be winning the war, a group of English soldiers went to church one Sunday morning in Long Island. The setting was tense. The occupiers demanded the congregation sing, "God Save the King" in honor of King George III. The organist was forced to begin playing the tune – but instead of singing "God Save the King," the congregation broke out in "Come, Thou Almighty King."

Point made.

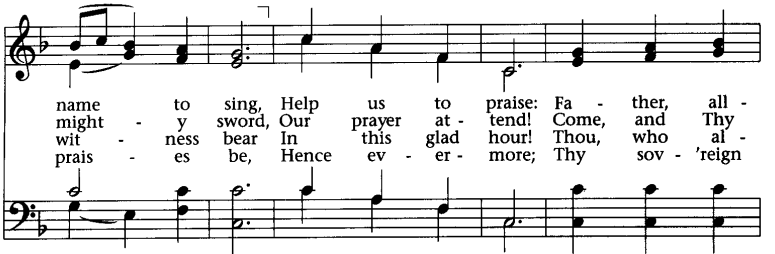
What better prayer than a church offer than: "Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success!"

As it's given in most hymnals, "Come, Thou Almighty King" is a Trinitarian prayer addressed to God the Father (first stanza), God the Son (second stanza), God the Holy Spirit (third stanza), and to the entire Trinity (fourth stanza).


COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING ITALIAN HYMN



1. Come, Thou Al - might - y King, Help us Thy
2. Come, Thou In - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
4. To Thee, great One - ly in Three, The high - est



name to sing, Help us to praise: Fa - ther, all -
might - y sword, Our prayer at - tend! Come, and Thy
wit - ness bear, In this glad hour! Thou, who al -
prais - es be, Hence ev - er - more; Thy sov - reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
peo - ple bless, And give Thy word suc - cess:
might - y art, Now rule in ev - ry heart
maj - es - ty May we in in glo - ry see,



Come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
Spir - it of ho - li - ness, On us de - scend.
And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

WE ADORE YOU, O CHRIST MARK MILLER

We adore You, O Christ;
Bow before You Most High;
We exalt the only Way, the Truth, the Life.
Alleluia! to the Lamb.
Glory to the Great I AM!
We lift high our hearts and hands unto Your throne.

For You are the Bread and the Water of our lives;
And You are the Shepherd of our souls.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED

LEADER: *Church, let us affirm our faith together:*

CONGREGATION: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hades. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

* universal church