# Morning Worship Service

### Prelude **Preparation for Worship**

"I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of *long ago,"* (Psalm 77:11).

"The Reformation of the 16th century is, next to the introduction of *Christianity, the greatest event in history. The age of the Reformation bears a* strong resemblance to the first century. In both centuries we hear the creative voice of the Almighty calling light out of darkness." (Philip Schaff - Church Historian)

"The nailing of Luther's ninety-five theses to the Church door in Wittenberg on October 31st, 1517, was the event that more than any other event marks the inception of the movement called the Protestant Reformation. It is well that we should celebrate that event.

"Celebration can be devoid of any significant appreciation of what was involved in that movement. We can become partisan idolaters, for celebration may be little more than an expression of loyalty to certain traditions. If we are to honor God, our remembrance will proceed from profound gratitude to Him for the light that shown in the midst of darkness, and for the emancipation that occurred when the Reformers were cut loose from shackles of superstition and idolatry.

"We fail to accord to the Reformers our debt of gratitude when we cease to prize our heritage. But far greater is the sin of failing to give praise to God." (John Murray)

Give thanks to God for the great truths of His Word rediscovered in the Reformation.

## Welcome and Announcements **Prayer of Intercession Collection of Offerings** God Calls Us To Worship

Salutation

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 46 (Pew Bible p. 403)

\*Hymn of Praise: 92, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

\*Prayer of Adoration

# We Celebrate God's Covenant Faithfulness

#### In Scripture:

"And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you." Genesis 17:7

"For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." Acts 2:39

#### Welcome New Members

Response to God's Grace: m 106:48

Psalm 106:48

Pastor: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, People: From everlasting to everlasting. *Pastor: Let all the people say,* People: "Amen!" Praise the Lord.

## **Celebration of Reformation Truths**

Scripture Alone As Our Authority

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 3:13-17 (Pew Bible p. 843)

### **Justification By Faith**

Scripture Reading: Romans 3:21-26 (Pew Bible p. 797)

\*Hymn: 455, "And Can it Be That I Should Gain"

## God Speaks To Us Through His Word

\*Scripture Reading: John 1:1-8 (Pew Bible p. 750)

\*Response To God's Word: 734, "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

Message: "John Calvin: Witness to the Light" Pastor Johnson

\*Hymn: 521, "*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*"



\*Benediction

## We Receive God's Blessing

\*Closing: 731, "Doxology"

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

\*Please stand

#### **WELCOME**

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are here to share in our joyous celebration of God's Grace made clear in the history of the Reformation. May you know God's presence and experience God's peace.

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and invite you to fill out a visitor's card found in your pew and place it in the collection plate.