

October 25, 2020

10:30 Worship

"Reformation Sunday"

** indicates those who are comfortably able may stand*

*"...it is better to take refuge in the LORD than to put confidence in mortals;
It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to put confidence in princes..."*

-Psalm 118:8-9

Gathering Music

Amy Crousore

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Allegro from Sonata #1"

Amy Crousore

WA Mozart

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Katelin Odneal

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 118)

Darren Lasley

Give thanks to God; for God is good!
God's Steadfast Love endures forever!

**Let all the households of God say,
"God's Steadfast Love endures forever!"**

When we are in distress, we call out to God;
God answers us and brings us Salvation.

**When we walk closely with God, we do not fear.
What can mortals do to us when we are with God?**

God is with us to help us, that we may endure all trouble;
God is with us to give us refuge and strength.

**It is better to take refuge in God than to put confidence in mortals;
It is better to take refuge in God than to put faith in princes.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God!
Let us sing praises to God in God's Sanctuary!

**Give thanks to God; for God's Steadfast Love endures forever!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

NCH #439

*Opening Prayer

Darren Lasley

God of Majesty; we know that your Steadfast Love endures forever; and that you call us to have confidence in that presence. But often we build up doctrine and dogma that threaten to obscure your vision. Teach us to put aside the ways of mortals and princes and return to scripture; and your Wisdom that shines through. Help us alleviate the clutter in our lives, and turn solely to you; as we focus on what matters most, your presence in our lives. We ask these prayers in Jesus' name; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

The great Reformer Martin Luther tells us "I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, I still possess." This wisdom is true for us as well; but we often fail to realize it. Even so, God forgives us and calls us by name. We are all God's children, blessed and beloved, forgiven and free! Praise be to God!

*Prayer Response

"Weave"

**Weave, weave, weave us together!
Weave us together in unity and love.
Weave, weave, weave us together!
Weave us together, together in love!**

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

Response

"I Have Decided to follow Jesus"

**I have decided to follow Jesus!
I have decided to follow Jesus!
I have decided to follow Jesus!
No turning back, no turning back.**

**The world behind me, the cross before me
The world behind me, the cross before me
The world behind me, the cross before me
No turning back, no turning back.**

Living our Mission

"Festival of Sharing"

Mahree Skala

Stewardship Moment

"Loaves and Fishes"

Darren Lasley

Anthem

"Though All Our Life is Like a Scroll"

Ed Rollins

Jefferey Blersch

New Testament Lesson:

2 Timothy 3:10-17

Darren Lasley

In Paul's letter to Timothy, he assures him that the scriptures (what we would call the Old Testament) are inspired by God and useful for daily conduct. This idea of assurance can be applied to the New Testament as well, and could have been the inspiration for Martin Luther's campaign of 'Sola Scriptura.'

Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 11:25-30

Darren Lasley

In a verse that was especially reassuring to Martin Luther, Jesus talks about the burden of following him; it is a relief from the burdens of the world. Jesus says, 'my yoke is heavy and my burden is light;' comforting words for one who had been burdened by human dogma."

Sermon:

"Sola Scriptura"

Pastor Rick

*Meditation Hymn

"We Worship You, God"

NCH #26

Community Prayer & Silent Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response “Grant Us Peace”
Hear our Prayer, O Lord!
Hear our prayer, O Lord!
Hear our Prayer, O Lord!
And Grant us Thy Peace! A-men!

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life
Presenting our Gifts

Pastor Rick
Lucy Smith
Henry Purcell

“Andante”

*To give online text “GIVE” to 573.240.4041
and follow the prompts
You can also give online by visiting our website:
www.columbiaucc.com*



*Response “For the Fruit of All Creation”

NCH #425

For the Fruit of all Creation, Thanks be to God!
For God’s gifts to every nation, Thanks be to God!
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us, Thanks be to God!

*Prayer of Dedication

Darren Lasley

God of love, we know that you challenge us to give generously to your work for justice in the world. As we do so we give out of humility, releasing control of the perceived power this wealth brings us and relinquishing control of the world to you. Take these gifts that we offer and use them to your will, to bring about your reign of justice, hope and peace. Amen.

*Benediction

Pastor Rick

*Response: “Let There be Peace on Earth”
Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with me!
Let there be Peace on Earth; the Peace that was meant to be!
With God our Creator, Children all are we!
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony!
Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now!
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!

*Postlude

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Amy Crousore
Teschner/Paxtor

Congregational Planning and Assessment Meeting

Led by Kristy Odneal, Vice Moderator

*CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:
Welcoming all God's People;
Nurturing Faith and Spiritual Growth;
Challenging and inspiring everyone with vibrant worship;
Building a supportive church family;
Transforming both the congregation and community
through service and outreach*

CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

Columbia United Church of Christ celebrates God's boundless and unconditional love by intentionally welcoming and affirming all God's children.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey;
No matter where you are on your faith journey;
No matter your sexual orientation, gender expression or identity;
No matter your race, culture, ethnicity, nationality or politics;
No matter your age, ability, health, relationship status or family structure;
No matter your social, economic, educational, legal or life circumstances;
You are welcome here!

Called by Jesus to be an Open and Affirming, inclusive faith community, Columbia United Church of Christ commits to welcoming everyone into the full life of our congregation. Our paths and voices may differ, but we journey in faith together.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Ps. 46

Martin Luther, c. 1529

Transl. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853; adapt. Ruth Duck, 1981



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing,
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing,
 3 And though this world with dev - ils filled should threat - en to un - do us,
 4 That word be - yond all earth - ly powers for - ev - er is a - bid - ing;



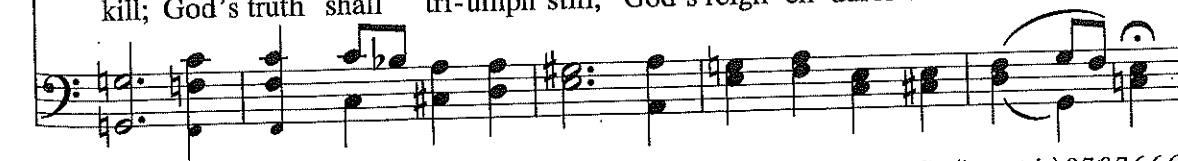
Our pres - ent help a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
 But there is one who takes our side, the One of God's own choos - ing.
 We will not fear for God has willed the truth to tri - umph through us.
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for Christ is with us sid - ing.



For still our an - cient foe does seek to work us woe with craft and pow - er
 You ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus sets us free! With might - y power to
 The powers of e - vil grim, we trem - ble not for them; their rage we can en -
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may



great, and armed with cru - el hate, on earth with - out an e - qual.
 save, vic - to - rious o'er the grave, Christ will pre - vail tri - um - phant.
 dure, for lo, their doom is sure: one lit - tle word shall fell them.
 kill; God's truth shall tri - umph still; God's reign en - dures for - ev - er.




There is speculation that this psalm paraphrase was written in 1527 when Martin Luther's friend was burned at the stake, or in 1529, when Lutheran German princes protested the revocation of their liberties. It has been translated into more than fifty languages.

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 Martin Luther, c. 1529
 Harm. The New Hymnal for American Youth, 1930; alt.
 For another version, see 440

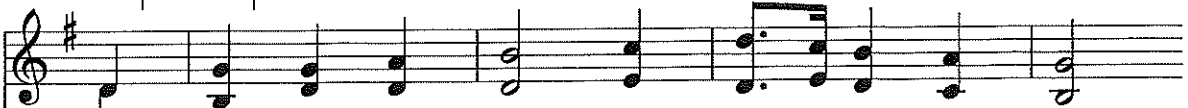
We Worship You, God

Ps. 104:2-6, 10-13


Robert Grant, 1833; alt.




1 We wor - ship you, God; your power and your love
 2 We tell of your might, we sing of your grace,
 3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

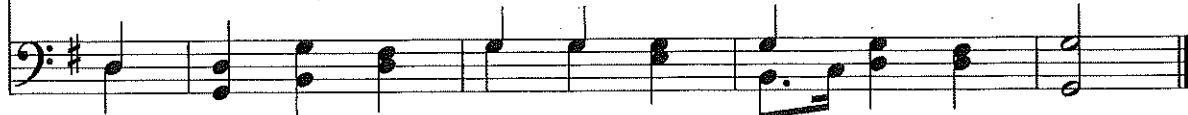
are bla - zoned a - broad, a - round, and a - bove:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old,
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

Our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 Your char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 Es - tab - lished it fast by a change-less de - cree,
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 Your mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 and broad is your path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it you cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!



Born in Bengal, India, Robert Grant became a lawyer in England, a member of Parliament, and for the last four years of his life was governor of Bombay. This text was inspired by William Kethe's paraphrase of Psalm 104.

Tune: LYONS 10.10.11.11.
 Attrib. to J. Michael Haydn (1737-1806)
 Alternate tune: HANOVER