



PROVIDENCE
CHURCH

Omnia et in omnibus Christus - Christ all and in all

A Reformed Evangelical Congregation

The Lord's Service

October 15th 2017

20th Sunday in Pentecost

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we at Providence Church open wide our doors and welcome all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; all who mourn and long for comfort; all who struggle and desire victory; all who sin and need the Savior; all who are strangers and want fellowship; all who hunger and thirst for righteousness; all who are poor in spirit and desire the riches of the gospel; all who will come to Jesus Christ in living faith and repentance, looking to Him as both Liberator and Lord. If you are a visitor of Providence Church, we are grateful that you have joined us in our highest privilege, worshipping the Triune God. We hope you stay and talk with us after the service so we can get to know you better. If you would like to talk to Pastor Brito throughout the week, please feel free to either call Him at 850.377.3049 or to email Him at uriesou@gmail.com. Please visit our website at www.providencepensacola.org.

Lesson

by Gregg Strawbridge

The “five solas” is a term used to designate five great foundational rallying cries of the Protestant reformers. They are as follows: “Sola Scriptura” (Scripture Alone); “Sola Gratia” (Grace Alone); “Sola Fide” (Faith Alone); “Solus Christus” (Christ Alone); and “Soli Deo Gloria” (To God Alone Be Glory).

These “five solas” were developed in response to specific perversions of the truth that were taught by the corrupt Roman Catholic Church. The Roman Church taught that the foundation for faith and practice was a combination of the scriptures, sacred tradition, and the teachings of the magisterium and the pope; but the Reformers said, “No, our foundation is sola scriptura”. The Catholic Church taught that we are saved through a combination of God's grace, the merits that we accumulate through penance and good works, and the superfluity of merits that the saints before us accumulated; the reformers responded, “sola gratia”. The Catholic Church taught that we are justified by faith and the works that we produce, which the righteousness that God infuses in us through faith brings about. The reformers responded, “No, we are justified by faith alone, which lays hold of the alien righteousness of Christ that God freely credits to the account of those who believe”. The Catholic Church taught that we are saved by the merits of Christ and the saints, and that we approach God through Christ, the saints, and Mary, who all pray and intercede for us. The Reformers responded, “No, we are saved by the merits of Christ Alone, and we come to God through Christ Alone”. The Catholic Church adhered to what Martin Luther called the “theology of glory” (in opposition to the “theology of the cross”), in which the glory for a sinner's salvation could be attributed partly to Christ, partly to Mary and the saints, and partly to the sinner himself. The reformers responded, “No, the only true gospel is that which gives all glory to God alone, as is taught in the scriptures.”

Today, the Catholic Church teaches the same essential perversions of truth; and much of Protestantism has seen a regress to many of the same corruptions, in many circles and denominations. It is a pressing need for Christians everywhere to reaffirm and champion anew the “five solas” which underlay and gave impetus to the Protestant Reformation.

God is Renewing His Covenant With His People

God Calls Us And Cleanses Us

Exhortation

The Call of Obedience

Prelude

Miss Lydia Harris

Call to Worship (Please Stand)

Pastor: Let us worship God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 18:20; 28:19

People: Amen

Salutation: The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

People: And also with you!

I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!"

Psalm 122:1-2

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

Psalm 121:1-2

Maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Dearly beloved brethren if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of heavenly grace.

Come, let us worship and bow down.

Psalm 95:6

People: And kneel before the Lord our Maker.

(Let all who are able kneel)

Pastor: Most merciful God,

All: In whom we live and move and have our being, our heavenly Father, your face is hidden from us because of our sins. Cleanse us, we pray, from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. Grant that we may, in lowliness and meekness, draw near to you. Confessing our faults and confiding in your grace, we look for your grace and mercy through Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

(Continue Kneeling for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

(Rise and Hear the Good News of God's Forgiveness)

Pastor: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in loving kindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. On this day know surely Your sins are forgiven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Acts 13:38

All: Thanks be to God. Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. Amen!

Hymn of Faith

Psalm 140, Lord, Rescue Me, pgs. 186-187 (vss. 1-10)

People: Amen.

God Consecrates and Raises Up to Heaven

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

**Responsive Psalm*

Psalm 54

Pastor: For the director. On stringed instruments.

Maschil. By David,

When the Ziphites came and said to Saul,

“Is not David hiding with us?”

God, in your name save me;

People: And in your might vindicate me.

God, hear my prayer;

Give ear to the sayings of my mouth,

Because strangers have risen up against me,

And oppressors seek my soul;

They have not set God before them. Selah.

Look, God is a helper for me;

The Lord is among the supporters of my soul.

Cause the evil to return to my enemies;

In your trustworthiness destroy them.

With a free-will offering I will sacrifice to you;

I will praise your name, Yahweh, because it is good,

Because from all my trouble he has delivered me,

And on my enemies my eye has looked.

All: Amen! Yes, amen!

Confession of the Nicene Creed (*please remain standing*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Pastoral prayer and Sung Lord's Prayer (see hymnal's back cover)

Please respond at the end of each section:

Pastor: Father, bear our prayer!

People: For Your Steadfast Love Endures Forever!

Reading of God's Word (*Please Stand*)

Old Covenant Reading:

I Samuel 23:7-29

Pastor: *This is the Word of the Lord.* **People: Thanks be to God.**

New Covenant Reading:

James 5:7-12

Pastor: *This is the Word of the Lord.* **People: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading in the Midst of the People:

John 17:20-26

Pastor: *The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.* **People: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Faith:

Psalm 76, God the Lord is Known in Judah, pg. 115

People: Amen.

Sermon:

Pastor Uri Brito

Title:

A Reformational Lament
(Outline on second to last page)

Text

Psalm 54

Offertory:

(Ex. 23:15; 34:20; Dt. 16:16)

Pastor: *Let us worship God with our tithes and offerings.*

Hymn of Response

What Wondrous Love Is This, pg. 335

People: Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Pastor: *Christians, how do you respond to our Lord?*

**People: We give only what the Lord has first given to us.
We present ourselves as living sacrifices,
And we offer the sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving.
We cheerfully give these tithes and offerings
In obedience to the Lord, for the glory of His Name,
The health of the Church, and for the sake of the world. Amen.**

God Communes With Us

The Lord's Supper is observed every Sunday as the climax of covenant renewal worship. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the Session of this local church that you are in covenant with God as an active member of a congregation in which the Gospel is faithfully confessed. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the pastors before or after the service.

Celebration of Holy Communion ***(Please be seated)***

Passing of the Bread (*"The Lord be with you" "The Lord bless you"*)

Passing of the Wine (*"The Peace of Christ be with you" "And also with you"*)

Congregational Response

Gloria Patri

(Please Stand with Hands Raised)

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, A-men, A-men.

God Commissions Us

The Lord's Commission

Matthew 28:18-20

Pastor: *Our mouths will speak the praise of the Lord!*

People: Let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever. AMEN!

Psalms 145:21

Closing Hymn:

O God of Earth and Altar, pg. 369

People: Amen!

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

Threefold Amen

Pastor: *Go in Peace to Love and to Serve our Risen Christ!*

All: Amen!

Overview: The background to the Psalmist's writings include suffering, persecution, and doubt. The Psalmists prayed both prayers of joy and of sadness. Psalm 54 is called a Psalm of Lamentation because it reveals the songwriter's struggle with his own suffering. These prayers are inspired prayers of adoration to a God who hears his children when they cry.

Outline:

I. The Loss of the Reformers

II. Psalm 54

- a. The Siphites' Conspiracies
- b. The Psalmist' Distress
- c. David's Trouble
- d. David's Imprecation
- e. Waiting for God's Justice

III. The Call to Honest Prayer



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Announcements:

New Items

- * The Pastor's Note has details about accessing the online family directory. Pauline Smith has done great work getting that finished, but we need a few more photos. See Faith Heifner or Rachelle Harris if you need your photo taken.

Reminders

- * 16 October, 6:30pm at the home of Beckie Cato, Ladies Study. We will be introducing the new book. See Mary if you are attending the Study and she will give you a book.
- * Our next Wine and Psalm-Roar has been confirmed for 6 PM on the 27th of October at Northminster Presbyterian.
- * 29 October, 10:30am, Reformation Sunday Joint Service at Christ Church. The Saints of Christ Church have invited us over to their Church for worship, a celebration of the Reformation and Debt Retirement.
- * 13 - 15 November - We are helping to host the CREC General Council at San Destin Inn and Resort. If you are interested in attending or helping with that effort, please let us know. We could use a couple more volunteers. See one of the pastors for more information.
- * Men's Study continues this Tuesday morning at Panera Bread at 6 AM.
- * Are you interested in helping watch children during the Sunday School hour? We are looking for a few volunteers. See Pastor Stout or Pastor Brito.
- * There is a 40 Days For Life campaign September 27 - November 5. See Pastor Stout if you would like to come out and pray for an end to abortion in our city.

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