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Reformed Teaching  **Re-forming People**

Prelude**Moments of Concern**

Call to Worship: Psalm 150 Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty firmament! Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness! Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; praise Him with the lute and harp! Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes! Praise Him with loud cymbals; praise Him with clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 52 (page 36)

***Hymn of Adoration:** 177 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

***Call to Confession:** Lamentations 3:40 Let us search out and examine our ways, and turn back to the LORD.

***Prayer of Confession:** Father, have mercy for our hearts are rebellious. We have attempted to make friends with the world and the devil and have allowed ourselves to indulge our own flesh. We have not been diligent in seeking Your help so that we do not fall prey to the devices of the evil one. Our lack of vigilance shows the weakness of our love for You. Teach us to rely on Your Holy Spirit for wisdom to recognize Satan's ploys and for conviction to resist them. By Your grace, fix our hearts on Your eternal kingdom and satisfy us by Your power and glory. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

***Agnus Dei**

Women & Children: O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Men: O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

All: O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us your peace. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon:** Micah 7:18-19 Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri:** No. 142

***Collect of the Day:** Almighty and Everlasting God, as we anticipate the new year, deepen our convictions rooted in Your Word, heighten our love for You, broaden our comprehension of Your glory and lengthen our perseverance in genuine faith and good works. Immerse us in Your grace and peace. We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

New Testament Lesson: John 8:31-38 (page 948)

Psalter Selection: Psalm 90:12-17

O teach us how to count our days
 And set our hearts on wisdom's ways.
 How long, O LORD? O now return
 And for Your servants show concern.
 Each morning fill us with Your grace;
 We'll sing for joy through all our days.

As many days as we have spent
 Under affliction You have sent,
 For all the years we evil knew,
 Now make us glad; our joy renew.
 Your work to all Your servants show;
 Your glory let their children know.

On us may there be shed abroad
 Good favor from the Lord our God.
 What our hands made, establish sure,

So that our labors may endure;
Yes, may the labor of our hands.
Be made by You to ever stand.

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Children's Sermon

***Hymn of Preparation:** 205 "Go, Tell It on the Mountains"

Sermon: John 8:31-38

Prayers of the People:

Lord's Prayer (unison) Our Father, which 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Offertory Response:** 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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn of Response:** 170 "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

***Benediction**

***Threefold Amen**

***Postlude**