

REFORMATION DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31, 2024

Rev. Greg Lubbers

Prelude *Organist, Stephanie Van Mersbergen*

Call to Worship *Psalm 48*

Prayer of Invocation

*Opening Song TPH#48A:1, 4-6 *“Great Is the LORD Our God”*

*God’s Greeting

Scripture Reading: Page 649 *Psalm 46*

Song of Response TPH#46C *“God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”*

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation TPH#80B *“Great Shepherd Who Leadest Thy People”*

Scripture Reading: Page 2 **Genesis 1:26-2:15**

Sermon Text **Genesis 1:26-2:15**

Sermon *“A Biblical Understanding of Work”*

Prayer of Application

*Song of Dedication TPH#222 *“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

Offering *The offering is for Crossroads Prison Ministries*

*Doxology TPH#568 *“Doxology”*

*Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude

**Please stand if you are able.*

A Biblical Understanding of Work

Scripture Reading: *Genesis 1:26-2:15*, Page 2

Sermon Text: *Genesis 1:26-2:15*

I. Why We Work

A. Distorted Views of Why We Work

B. Biblical View of Why We Work

II. How We Work

A. By Cultivating Production

B. With Christian Virtue

III. When We Work

A. Indicated as Perpetual

B. Paused by Sabbath

TPH 48A - “Great Is the LORD Our God” (Stz. 1, 4-6)

1. Great is the LORD our God,
and greatly to be praised.
Upon a hill God's city stands
in glorious beauty raised—
his holy mountain high,
Mount Zion in the north,
the city of the mighty King,
the joy of all the earth.
4. Within your temple, LORD,
in that most holy place,
we on your loving-kindness dwell,
the wonders of your grace.
Your people sing your praise
where'er your name is known;
by ev'ry deed your hand has done
your righteousness is shown.
5. Let Zion now rejoice
and all her daughters sing;
let them with thankfulness proclaim
the judgments of their King.
Mount Zion's walls behold,
about her ramparts go,
and number all the lofty tow'rs
that guard her from the foe.
6. Observe her palaces,
mark her defenses well,
that to the children after you,
her glories you may tell.
For God, as our own God,
forever will abide,
and till life's journey close in death
will be our faithful guide.

TPH 46C - “God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”

1. God is our refuge and our strength,
a helper ever near us.
We will not fear though earth be moved,
for God is nigh to cheer us.
Although the mountains quake
and earth's foundations shake,
though angry billows roar
and break against the shore,
our mighty God will hear us.
2. God's city is forever blest
with living waters welling;
since God is there, she stands unmoved
'mid tumults round her swelling.
God speaks and all is peace,
from war the nations cease;
the Lord of hosts is nigh.
Our father's God Most High
is our eternal dwelling.
3. Behold what God has done on earth;
his wrath brings desolation.
His grace, commanding wars to cease,
brings peace to ev'ry nation.
Be still, for he is Lord,
by all the earth adored;
the Lord of hosts is nigh.
Our father's God Most High
is our strong habitation.

TPH 80B - "Great Shepherd Who Leadest Thy People"

1. Great shepherd who leadest thy people in love,
 'mid cherubim dwelling, shine thou from above;
in might come and save us, thy people restore,
 and we shall be saved when thy face shines once more.
2. O haste, Lord, to hear us and pity our woes,
 affliction our portion, despised by our foes.
O Lord God Almighty, in mercy restore,
 and we shall be saved when thy face shines once more.
3. A place for thy people thou, Lord, didst prepare,
 thy vine deeply rooted rewarded thy care;
its branches, like cedars, majestic and free,
 spread over the mountains from river to sea.
4. Thy vineyard no longer thy tender care knows,
 defenseless, the victim and spoil of her foes;
O turn, we beseech thee, all glory is thine,
 look down in thy mercy and visit thy vine.
5. The branch of thy planting is burned and cut down,
 brought nigh to destruction because of thy frown;
the man of thy right hand with wisdom endue,
 the son of man strengthen thy pleasure to do.
6. When thou shalt revive us, thy name we will praise,
 and nevermore, turning, depart from thy ways;
O Lord God Almighty, in mercy restore,
 and we shall be saved when thy face shines once more.

TPH 222 - "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

1. O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
 and our eternal home:
2. Under the shadow of your throne
 your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
 and our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,
 or earth received her frame,
from everlasting you are God,
 to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in your sight
 are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
 before the rising sun.
5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
 with all their lives and cares,
are carried downward by your flood,
 and lost in foll'wing years.
6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.
7. O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last,
 and our eternal home.

TPH 568 - “Doxology”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.