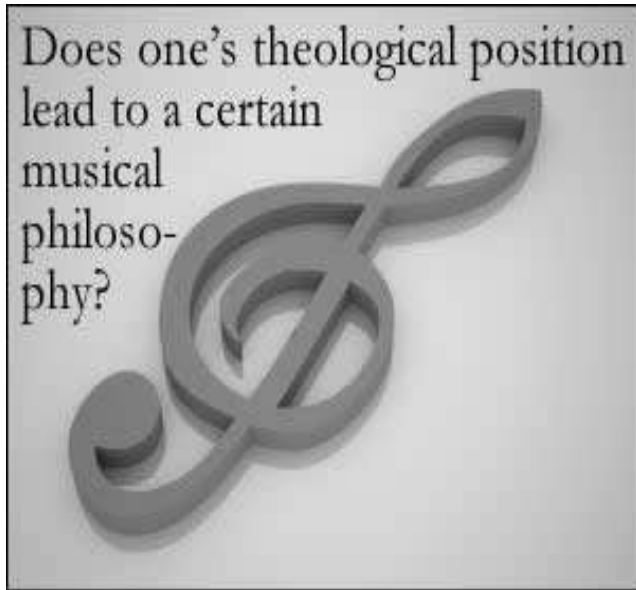


WELCOME TO...

The Presbyterian Church of
Saint David

October 26, 2014



REFORMATION SUNDAY

Gathering: *Sing new songs to God! Praise God's name! Each day proclaim the good news of God's salvation. Tell everyone about the amazing things God has done. May Your ways be known throughout the earth, O God; Your saving power among people everywhere. May the nations praise You and sing for joy, for You govern them with justice, and guide the actions of the whole world.*

Hymn: I come with Joy (1-3)

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Prayer: *Glorious are you, Mystery of Life, essence of all creation. You are the symphony of stars and planets. You are the music of the atoms within us. You are the dawn on mountain peaks, the moonlight on evening seas. Forest and farm, the rush of the city, everything is embraced in your love. We rejoice as we sing our gratitude. Glorious are you, O Jesus Christ, Cosmic love in human flesh. You graced the smallness of time and place to teach us to dance to the music. You walk on our seas and heal in our streets. You make your home in our lives, revealing that cross and resurrection are one on the road to freedom. We rejoice as we sing our gratitude. Glorious are you, O Spirit of Truth, wisdom and breath of our being. You are the wind that sweeps our senses. You are the fire that burns in our hearts. You are the needle of the inner compass, always pointing to true North, guiding us on the sacred dance into the Mystery of Life. We rejoice as we sing our gratitude.*

— written by Joy Cowley

Hymn: I come with Joy (4-5)

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Listening to the scriptures; (Psalm 92:1,2,4; 95:1-3; 100:2-4)
It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands. Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Ephesians 5: 18b-20 ...be filled with the Spirit, **19** as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, **20** giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Colossians 3 ... **16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

For consideration:

1. What place do Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs have in your life, in your understanding of God, in your personal 'theology'.
2. How does music connect us to one another and to God?
3. How can Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs be the catalyst for renewal and reformation?

Hymn: Sing a new song unto the Lord **422**

Prayers of the People

Eternal God, we thank you today for your goodness. You have given us beautiful days. You bless us richly with goodness daily. We thank you and praise you. We live in a time of considerable confusion. We ask today for your wisdom. We are often fearful. We live in a time of peril, war, and world unrest. Different and competing interests strive for our attention and loyalty. Help us to pray for wise and discerning spirits.

• *Give us wisdom to know good from evil.*

• **Give us wisdom to assess the clamoring voices and concerns with which we are daily bombarded.**

• *Give us wisdom so that we might learn to be accepting of all the diverse people you have created.*

• **Give us wisdom to be peacemakers and mediators of understanding where there is conflict.**

• *Give us wisdom when we are in conflict to make it possible both for us and for those with whom we differ to save face and win and move forward hand in hand.*

• **Give us wisdom not to violate any of your creatures by discriminating against them.**

• *Give us wisdom to discern what is of ultimate value for our souls and to make wise choices.*

O God, give us wisdom.

O God, give us discernment.

O God, give us the will to be faithful.

O God, give us the power to love. Amen.

~ adapted from Richard Einerson

Invitation: *We gather today from the busyness of life to receive strength.*

We come as a people of God to excel in your work through breaking the bread and drinking the cup. *We are the church call to sing the song of love and joy. Through this sacrament, we receive power to be faithful in love to serve the people of the world.*

Hymn: Here, O my Lord (1-3) **543**

Communion

Words of Institution followed by Behold the Lamb **525**

Prayer after Communion *Thanks be to you, uniting God, for your love and mercy and forgiveness in Christ. May the blessings of this table strengthen our faith, increase our generosity and unify our hearts, for we pray in the name of Jesus, the Risen One. Amen.*

Hymn: Hallelujah **532**

Always be thankful.

*Let the words of Christ, in all their richness,
live in your hearts and make you wise.*

Use His words to teach and counsel each other.

Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.

And whatever you do or say,

*let it be as a representative of the Lord Jesus,
all the while giving thanks through Him to God the Father.*

