

\* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 86:8-10*  
*Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;  
no deeds can compare with yours.*  
**All the nations you have made  
will come and worship before you, Lord;  
they will bring glory to your name.**  
**For you are great and do marvelous deeds;  
you alone are God.**

\* **God's Greeting**

\* **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** #337:1,2,3 (HFG)  
Praise to the Lord,  
The Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord,  
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yes, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,  
Who doth prosper Thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

\* **O LORD, My God, Most Earnestly** #63:1,2,3 (PH)  
O LORD, my God, most earnestly I seek your holy face,  
Within your house again to see the glories of your grace.  
Apart from you I long and thirst, and naught can satisfy;  
I wander in a desert land where all the streams are dry.

The loving kindness of my God is more than life to me,  
So I will praise you all my days and pray continually.  
In you my soul is satisfied, my darkness turns to light,  
And joyful meditations fill the watches of the night.

Beneath the shadow of your wings I sing my joy and praise.  
Your right hand is my strong support  
Through troubled nights and days.  
All those who seek my life will fall; my life is in your hand.  
God's king and people will rejoice; in victory they will stand.

\* **Salvation Belongs to Our God**  
Salvation belongs to our God,  
Who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb.  
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,  
Honor and power and strength  
Be to our God forever and ever,  
Be to our God forever and ever,  
Be to our God forever and ever. Amen

We, the redeemed, shall be strong  
In purpose and unity, declaring aloud:  
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,  
Honor and power and strength  
Be to our God forever and ever,  
Be to our God forever and ever,  
Be to our God forever and ever. Amen

**Call to Confession:** *Psalm 51:1-4*

*Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.*

*Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.*

*For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.  
Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are right in your verdict  
and justified when you judge.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**In the Presence**

In the presence of a holy God  
There's new meaning now to grace.  
You took all my sins upon yourself;  
I can only stand amazed.

*Refrain:* And I cry holy, holy, holy God,  
How awesome is your name.  
Holy, holy, holy God, how majestic is your reign;  
And I am changed in the presence of a holy God.

In the presence of your glory all my crowns lie in the dust.  
You are righteous in your judgments, Lord;  
You are faithful, true and just. *Refrain*

(Children 3 years old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to  
Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory Ministry of Music:** *When Peace Like a River*

**Offering:** World Renew – Hurricane Harvey Relief

**Morning Prayer**

\* **Wonderful Words of Life** #29:1,3 (HFG)  
Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;  
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life.  
Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty:

*Refrain:* Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of Life.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of Life.

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of Life;  
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of Life.  
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever: *Refrain*

\* **Scripture:** *Jeremiah 2:12-13 (ESV)* pg. 789  
<sup>12</sup> *Be appalled, O heavens, at this;  
be shocked, be utterly desolate,  
declares the LORD,  
<sup>13</sup> for my people have committed two evils:  
they have forsaken me,  
the fountain of living waters,  
and hewed out cisterns for themselves,  
broken cisterns that can hold no water.*

*Colossians 2:6-8 (ESV)* pg. 1234  
<sup>6</sup> *Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk  
in him,<sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the  
faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.  
<sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy  
and empty deceit, according to human tradition,  
according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not  
according to Christ.*

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

**Message:** *Cracked Cisterns*

**Prayer**

\* ***My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone***

My soul finds rest in God alone;  
On him my hope depends.  
He is my fortress and my rock;  
Salvation sure he sends.  
My aid and honor come from God,  
My refuge strong and sure.  
Let all God's servants trust the Lord;  
In him we are secure.

The great of earth are less than dust;  
All mortal strength is vain.  
And fools alone rely on wealth or prize ill-gotten gain.  
I know, O God, that you are strong, a faithful, loving Lord.  
Our every deed, for good or ill,  
You surely will reward.

\* **God's Blessing**

\* ***We Receive Your Blessing***

We receive Your blessing, we receive Your grace,  
As we walk in the light shining from Your face.  
May the peace that You give change the way that we live.  
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him, above You heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son and praise the Holy Ghost.  
We receive Your blessing, we receive Your grace.

Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary.  
The sanctuary is equipped with an assistive listening system.  
Please switch hearing aids to "T" to use this system.

Pastor: Robert W  
Prayer: Paul A, Jim A  
Music: Paul A, Sharon A, Cal B, Shirley B,  
Dan H, Bill V

Offering: World Renew is helping with flood relief for Texas and other areas affected by Hurricane Harvey. If you would like more information on the work being done in these areas, visit [www.worldrenew.net](http://www.worldrenew.net).

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***Cracked Cisterns***

*Jeremiah 2:12-13; Colossians 2:6-8*

October 31, 1517.

Why history?

Cracked Cisterns and the traditions of man, Jeremiah 2:12-13

Two caveats.

Implications and application.

# Sola Gratia

*Saved by Grace Alone*

# Sola Fide

*Through Faith Alone*

# Solus Christus

*In Christ Alone*

# Sola Scriptura

*According to Scripture Alone*

# Soli Deo Gloria

*For the Glory of God Alone*

First Christian Reformed Church

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10:30 a.m. Worship Service