

* **God’s Greeting**

* **A Mighty Fortress is Our God**

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
**Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

All Sing:
*A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.*

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
**God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

All Sing:
*Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.*

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
God speaks and the earth melts.
**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**
Come, behold the works of the Lord!
**God makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
God breaks the bow, shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.**

All Sing:
*And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God has willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.*

Be still, and know that the Lord is God!
**God is exalted among the nations;
God is exalted in the earth.**
The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge.

All Sing:
*That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill, God’s truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.*

* **How Firm a Foundation**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 60-61

How are you right with God?
Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.
**Even though my conscience accuses me of having
grievously sinned against all God's commandments
and of never having kept any of them,
and even though I am still inclined toward all evil,
nevertheless, without my deserving it at all,
out of sheer grace,
God grants and credits to me
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness,
and holiness of Christ,
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,
as if I had been as perfectly obedient
as Christ was obedient for me.**
**All I need to do is to accept this gift of God
with a believing heart.**

Why do you say that by faith alone you are right with God?
**It is not because of any value my faith has
that God is pleased with me.**
**Only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness
make me right with God.**
**And I can receive this righteousness and make it mine
in no other way than by faith alone.**

* **Reformation Hymn**

We will trust God’s Word alone,
Where his perfect will is known;
Our traditions shift like sand
While his Truth forever stands.
We will live by faith alone,
Clothed in merit not our own;
All we claim is Jesus Christ
And his finished sacrifice.

Refrain: Glory be, glory be to God alone,
Through the church he redeemed
And made his own.
He has freed us,
He will keep us till we’re safely home
Glory be, glory be to God alone!

We are saved by grace alone,
Undeserved, yet freely shown;
No accomplishment on earth
Can achieve the second birth.
We will stand on Christ alone,
The unyielding Cornerstone;
Nations rage and devils roar,
Still he reigns forevermore! *Refrain*

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Ministry of Music: *The Battle Belongs to the Lord*

Offering: World Renew: Puerto Rico

* **Scripture:** *Ephesians 6:10-17 (NIV)* pg. 1228
¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.
¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your
stand against the devil’s schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not
against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the
authorities, against the powers of this dark world and
against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The Church's Battle: A Reformation Reminder*

Prayer

* ***Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*** #559:1,3,4 (PH)

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, as soldiers of the cross;
Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss;
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army shall He lead,
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you, you dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls, or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the fight will not be long,
This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song.
To every one who conquers, a crown of life shall be;
We with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

* **God's Blessing**

* ***Onward, Christian Soldiers*** #522:1 (PH)

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.
Christ, the royal master, leads against the foe;
Forward into battle see his banners go!
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.



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