

Seymour Christian Reformed Church

October 7, 2018

9:30 AM Worship

If you are a newcomer to Seymour Church we want you to know that you are very welcome here. If you have any questions about our family of God or are interested in affiliating with our congregation, Pastor Brian White would be delighted to talk with you. Please leave your contact information on the Friendship Register or connect with him at 616-245-8726 or brian@seymourchurch.org.

Bold Print: Congregation participates audibly; *congregation stands, if possible.

We Gather

Prelude: "One Thing Remains" "Forever" "It Is You"

*Call to Worship

Be still!

We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.

Be still and know

We come to discern the Word which can set us free.

Be still and know that God is

Our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.

*God's Greeting

*Opening Hymn: "God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength"

Red 432:1, 2, 4

(Congregation, please be seated.)

Congregational Life Announcements

*Welcome / Mutual Greeting

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*Songs of Worship: "Be Still for the Presence"

Red 532

"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"

Red 693

We Are Renewed

Call to Confession & Personal Reflection John 16:7-11

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God and Father in heaven, you are faithful and just;

you are willing to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We confess to you that we have sinned by what we have done, and left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbors as

ourselves. Through our Lord Jesus may we reaffirm our faith with the joy of knowing we

belong to you, with the freedom of being purified by your blood,

and with the healing which your grace alone can bring.

Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again: shake our hearts,
set our souls on fire with your love: send us out into the world rejoicing in your power.
We hold out to you all our particular burdens of guilt and sin,
and we ask for your help to live the way of your justice and love. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Invitation to Children: "Trust and Obey"

Red 327:1

(Pre-K through first grade come forward for Children's Worship.)

Blessing: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Congregational Prayer

We Hear His Word

*Hymn of Preparation: "Your Mercy Flows"

Red 700

Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

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The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "Who Is God?: An Extra Opportunity Employer"

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Application: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" *(Sung to tune: Wellesley)*

Red 689

We Are Sent

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Offering: 1.) General Fund 2.) Holland Home Resident Assistance

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Register)

Offertory: "God Moves in a Mysterious Way" *(Red 25)*

Martin

You fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds you so much dread

Are big with mercy and shall break in blessings on your head.

*Parting Blessing

*Closing Hymn: "O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire"

Red 828:5

*Postlude: "With Trumpets and Horns"

Handel

Worship Leaders

Preaching Pastor: Brian White

Liturgist: Shawn May

Organist: Ilene Woldhuis

Pianist: Wendy Zwiers

Song Leaders: Worship Team

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