

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE
REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 29 – 10:30 A.M.
“SET FREE”**

PRESERVICE MUSIC..... (A Sanctified Life) “Me And God”

**There ain't nothing that can't be done by me and God
Ain't nobody come in between me and God
One day we'll live together where the angels trod
Me and God**

**Early in the morning talking it over, me and God
Late at night talking it over, me and God
You could say we're like two peas in a pod
Me and God**

**He's my Father, He's my friend
The beginning and the end
He rules the world with a staff and rod
We're a team, me and God**

**I am weak and He is strong, me and God
He forgives me when I'm wrong, me and God
He's the one I lean on when life gets hard
Me and God**

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"Me And God" written by Josh Turner Sony/ATV Tunes LLC

Scripture Reference: John 14:1-4, Psalm 130, Phil.4:6, 1 Thess.5:17, Rev. 21:6, 1 John 1:9 CCLI License: 51072

"Soul On Fire"

**God, I'm running for Your heart
I'm running for Your heart
Till I am a soul on fire
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways
I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire
Till I am a soul on fire**

**God, I'm running for Your heart
I'm running for Your heart
Till I am a soul on fire
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways
I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire
Till I am a soul on fire**

**Lord, restore the joy I had
I have wandered, bring me back
In this darkness, lead me through
Until all I see is You**

**God, I'm running for Your heart
I'm running for Your heart
Till I am a soul on fire
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways
I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire
Till I am a soul on fire**

**Lord, let me burn for You again
Let me return to You again
Lord, let me burn for You again
Let me return to You again**

**God, I'm running for Your heart
I'm running for Your heart
Till I am a soul on fire
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways
I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire**

**God, I'm running for Your heart
I'm running for Your heart
Till I am a soul on fire
Till I am a soul on fire
Till I am a soul on fire**

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WORSHIP THEME: "Set Free" John 8:31-36

As Jesus taught the believing Jews to know the truth that would set them free, they were perplexed. They had never been slaves to anyone; why would they need freedom? Jesus set us free from the penalty of death that sin demanded by dying on the cross for our sins so that we could be sons and daughters in the eternal family of God. On this Reformation Day, let us remember that true freedom only comes through Jesus Christ.

+ We Lift Our Hearts in Worship +

OPENING SONG..... "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

**A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
Has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**

**No Strength of ours can match his might.
We would be lost rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
Who God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is He,
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.**

**Though hords of devils fill the land
All threatening to devour us,
We tremble now, unmoved we stand;
They cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;**

**In battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.**

**God's Word forever shall abide
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!**

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life!
People: We know the truth!

Pastor: If the Son sets you free, you are free indeed!
People: Free at last, free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Beautiful Savior, You have set us free! We are no longer slaves to sin and death, we are free! May we walk in Your joyful freedom and live our lives serving You.

People: In the name of Jesus who sets us free, amen!

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Church, we are free to worship the mighty King of Kings. We live in a country that allows us the freedom of religion, yet we grow comfortable in complacency and allow the enemy to take us captive to sin.

People: He entangles us in his snares.

Pastor: But we've been set free by the sin-freer, Jesus Christ! He crushed the enemy's head and placed Satan under our feet. We are free because we have been forgiven by God. We are in right-standing with Him because of the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and His powerful resurrection. Let us not take this freedom for granted!

People: Let us not take this freedom lightly.

Pastor: Let's take those evil thoughts captive and make them obedient to Christ! Let's practice the freedom we've been given both physically and spiritually. Let's live as forgiven people who freely forgive others.

People: Amen!

+ We Hear God's Word +

Revelation 14:6-7(ESV)(page 5 in bulletin) (on page 1928 in NIV pew Bible)

Romans 3:19-28(ESV) (page 6 in bulletin) (on page 1750 in NIV pew Bible)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "A Mighty Fortress"by Praise and Worship Choir

John 8:31-36(ESV)(page 6 in bulletin) (on page 1663 in NIV pew Bible)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor: Let us freely affirm our faith in the triune God!

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen

SERMON SONG "Thy Word"

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid and I think I've lost my way,

Still You're there right beside me.

Nothing will I fear as long as You are near,

Please be near me to the end. - 13 -

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

I will not forget Your love for me and yet,
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side,
And I will love You to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
And a light unto my path, You're the light unto my path.

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MARTIN LUTHER COMES TO ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

HOMILY

OFFERING SONG..... "Step by Step"

O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You
O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in Your ways
Step by step You lead me
And I will follow You all of my days.

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+ We Pray +

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

+ We Depart in Peace +

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Son and daughters, we are free indeed! As we continue living, may we be joyful in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others. May you be encouraged by His peace.

People: **We are encouraged by Jesus! Amen.**

CLOSING SONG..... "Today Is The Day"

I'm casting my cares aside. I'm leaving my past behind.
I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to Yours, believing there's so much more,
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, it's good.

**Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
And I won't worry about tomorrow; I'm trusting in what You say.
Today is the day. Today is the day.**

**I'm putting my fears aside. I'm leaving my doubts behind.
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to Yours, believing there's so much more,
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, it's good.**

**Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
And I won't worry about tomorrow; I'm trusting in what You say.
Today is the day. Today is the day.**

**I will stand upon Your truth. (I will stand upon Your truth.)
And all my days, I'll live for You. (All my days, I'll live for You.)
And I will stand upon Your truth. (I will stand upon Your truth.)
And all my days, I'll live for You. (All my days, I'll live.)**

**Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
And I won't worry about tomorrow. I'm giving You my fears and sorrows.
Where You lead me, I will follow; I'm trusting in what You say.**

**Today is the day.
Today is the day.
Today is the day.
Today is the day.
Today is the day.**

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We Exit to Serve!

If this service has moved you spiritually and you have questions regarding your spiritual life, please feel free to visit with one of the Pastors after the service.