

JUNE 19, 2022

## THE LORD'S DAY

10:00 AM Sunday School  
10:35 AM Congregational Prayer  
11:00 AM **Morning Service**

— PRELUDE —

Announcements

Call to Worship

\*Psalter Hymn #98A Psalm 98:1-9  
DESERT

\*Prayer of Invocation

Offertory **“Jesus Paid It All”**

I hear the Saviour say,  
"Thy strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in me thine all in all."

*Jesus paid it all,  
All to him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.*

For nothing good have I  
Whereby thy grace to claim—  
I will wash my garments white  
In the blood of Calvary's lamb.

Scripture Reading **Acts 2:22-47**

Choral Anthem **“All the Earth Rejoice with a Gladsome Voice”**

All the earth rejoice with a gladsome voice;  
Now sing we alleluia. Praise the Lord.  
Rejoice, rejoice and sing.

Sing alleluia, sing, O praise the Lord.  
Sound the trumpet; sound the harp.  
Praise the Lord.

Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn #26 **“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”**  
ST. ANNE

Sermon **“And They Continued Steadfastly”**

Church life in mid-20th century America was torn by a doctrinal battle: the Fundamentalist-Modernist Controversy. Leaders of the major Protestant denominations assigned diminished importance to historic Christian doctrines, some blatantly denying central truths of Christianity. In the previous century, these denials had become fashionable in seminaries. By the mid-1900s, they were evident in preaching and literature of multiple denominations.

On June 19, 1952, a small group from the farm community of northern Harford County, MD, formalized their convictions by chartering the Evangelical Methodist Church of Dublin. Led by Pastor Donald McKnight (1924–1991), they were motivated by concern for historic, biblical orthodoxy and for the authority of the Bible as God's inerrant revelation to man—truths that they perceived their Methodist clergy and churches had forsaken. They acted in accordance with Scripture: “Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you” (II Cor. 6:17).

Worshipping in an abandoned farmhouse, they prayed for divine guidance and blessing. Soon they became part of a small Fundamentalist denomination, the Evangelical Methodist Churches of America. In due course, they purchased land and constructed their first building. Within a decade, they had undertaken construction of a second building and were a well-recognized, sometimes scorned, entity in the region.

A weekly radio broadcast proclaimed their convictions and progress, as well as the issues that prompted their action. Their testimony attracted families who shared their concerns. From York, Lancaster, Cecil, and Baltimore counties, many came to worship with this growing Harford County assembly. By means of radio and evangelistic crusades, often held in the open air beneath a tent, God blessed, and the congregation continued to grow.

By the mid-1960s, the removal of school-sanctioned Bible reading from state schools compelled this congregation to establish Harford Christian School, which soon became the church's most visible mission. The church and school continued to attract families from six counties in Maryland and in Pennsylvania, as well as some in Delaware.

In 2013, the congregation found it necessary to terminate denominational affiliation and chose the name Reformation Bible Church (RBC). The name signifies the church's adherence to Scripture as reaffirmed in the Protestant Reformation. To that end, the historic *London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689* was adopted as the congregation's Statement of Faith.

*Reformation Bible Church Book of Church Order*  
**“Prologue”**

\*Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

6:00 PM **Evening Service**

— PRELUDE —

\*Hymn #79 **“Though Troubles Assail Us”**  
JOANNA

\*Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading **Ephesians 5:1-17**

Announcements

Offertory **“Grace Medley”**

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that is greater than all my sin.

Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found—  
Was blind, but now I see.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,  
What can avail to wash it away?  
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;  
Whiter than snow you may be today.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

\*Hymn #446 **“That Man Is Blest Who Fearing God”**  
IRISH

Sermon **“Walking in Wisdom”**

\*Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

\*congregation standing