

Our God, We Are a Church Reformed

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Faith of the Reformed Tradition (G-2.0500)

Carl Gotthelf Glaser, 1828, Arr. Lowell Mason, 1839
PH# 466 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Book of Order

G-2.0200 ...“the church reformed, always reforming” according to the Word of God and the call of the Spirit. [stanza 1]

G-2.0500 In its confessions, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) expresses the faith of the Reformed tradition. Central to this tradition is the affirmation of the majesty, holiness, and providence of God who creates, sustains, rules, and redeems the world in the freedom of sovereign righteousness and love. Related to this central affirmation of God’s sovereignty are other great themes of the Reformed tradition: [stanza 2]

1) The election of the people of God for service as well as for salvation; [stanza 3]

2) Covenant life marked by a disciplined concern for order in the church according to the Word of God; [stanza 4]

3) A faithful stewardship that shuns ostentation and seeks proper use of the gifts of God's creation; [stanza 5]

4) The recognition of the human tendency to idolatry and tyranny, which calls people of God to work for the transformation of society be seeking justice and living in the obedience to the Word of God. [stanza 6]

A New Hymn

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1. Our God, we are a church reformed,
A church reforming still:
We long to grow in your true Word,
And follow more your will.

2. How awesome is your sovereign rule;
You reign from heav’n above.
Yet you knelt down in Jesus Christ,
In sacrifice and love.

3. In love, you bring your people here
And call your church to you,
That we may know salvation’s joy
And serve in all we do.

4. You call us to community;
By faith our hearts are stirred.
In church, we seek an ordered life,
According to your Word.

5. As faithful stewards we find joy;
We need no rich display.
Lord, teach us all to use with care
The gifts you give each day.

6. The world makes gods of lesser things,
and wrongly uses power;
So by your Spirit may we work
For justice every hour.

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