



Reformed Service Liturgy

The reformed worship service is a dialogue between God and God's people.
God initiates the gathering by calling God's people together for worship.
Worshippers respond with their hearts and lives.
The worship elements are the following:

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Salutation

Words of greeting which reminds us that God/Christ/Holy Spirit is in our midst, bringing love, grace, mercy, and peace.

Votum

A Latin expression of our desire to live our whole lives with God's help: "our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth." We begin worship with these words.

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Hymn

Congregation responds to God's presence with a song of praise.

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Prayer of confession

A prayer acknowledging that we (individually and collectively) are sinners & in need of God's forgiveness.

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Lord have mercy

A response to our prayer of confession to ask God for mercy.

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Assurance of pardon

Words of promise that God forgives because God's love is shown in Christ.

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The law of God

Guide to grateful Christian living from God's word.

Psalter and glory to the Father

Words of praise & a song of praise offered in gratitude for God's forgiveness.

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Word for the children

Children are part of a worshipping family.

Thanksgiving sentences

Words to remind us why we give.

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Offertory

We give because God has given to us.

Anthem

Choir offers a gift of praise.

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Doxology

A song of response, praising God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of dedication

A prayer expressing our intention to be part of God's work.

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Scripture readings

God's word speaks to us.

Sermon

Proclaiming God's word to comfort and call people to live as citizens of God's Kingdom.

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Prayer for blessing on the word

A prayer, seeking God's help to live with wisdom and courage as God's people.

Affirmation of faith

Congregation responds with the church universal in affirming her faith.

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Prayers

Prayers offered with thanksgiving on behalf of the needs of the world and our community.

Lord's prayer

The prayer Jesus taught us to pray.

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Closing hymn

Hymn of praise, reminding congregation of the proclamation of God's word.

Benediction

The service is closed with the benediction. God blesses the congregation and sends them into the world.

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