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**REFLECTIONS**

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In our modern world . . . we usually equate the concept of "the person" with that of "the individual." But in a Christian understanding this is a mistake. Just as the words "father," "mother," "husband," "wife," "brother," "sister" are relational terms, so with the word "person." The human person is someone who finds his or her true being in relation, in love, in communion.

James B. Torrance (1923-2003)

Scottish theologian, biblical scholar, and academic  
*Worship, Community and the Triune God of Grace*

True freedom is not choice or lack of constraint, but being what you are meant to be. Humans were created in the image of God. True freedom, then, is not found in moving away from that image but only in living it out.

Augustine (354-430)

bishop of Hippo (in present-day Algeria)

For twentieth century man this phrase, *the image of God*, is as important as anything in Scripture, because men today can no longer answer that crucial question, "Who am I?" In his own naturalistic theories, with the uniformity of cause and effect in a closed system, with an evolutionary concept of a mechanical, chance parade from the atom to man, man has lost his unique identity. As he looks out upon the world, as he faces the machine, he cannot tell himself from what he faces. He cannot distinguish himself from other things.

Francis A. Schaeffer (1912-1984)

Theologian, pastor, and author  
*Genesis in Space and Time*

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## GATHERING

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*God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory*

### **Call to Worship**

**Psalm 95:6-7, NIV**  
**Rev. Stephen Yates**

Leader: *Come, let us bow down in worship,  
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;*

All: For He is our God  
and we are the people of His pasture,  
the flock under His care.

*Hosanna, Praise Is Rising*

### **Prayer of Adoration (Concluded by the Lord's Prayer)**

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

### **Prayer of Confession**

All: Holy God, You created us in Your image and likeness, but through original sin, that image was deeply distorted in us, and we became by nature hostile to You, slaves to Satan, and servants to sin. Therefore everlasting death has had, and shall have, dominion over all who have not been born from above.

This rebirth is by the power of the Holy Spirit, creating in the hearts of Your chosen ones an assured faith in the promises revealed in Your Word—promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Silent Confession**

#### **Words of Encouragement**

**II Corinthians 3:17-18, NIV**

*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*

*You Are My King (Amazing Love)*

### **Prayer for Christ's Church and the World**

**Psalm 5:3, NIV**

In the morning, O LORD, You hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before You and wait in expectation.

## **The Passing of the Peace**

*The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
And also with you.*

### **Children's Worship:**

Parents who wish may send children in K5-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade to meet their leaders in the Lobby.

## **Worship through Giving**

**I Corinthians 4:7, NIV**

*House of God Forever*

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## **THE WORD**

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### **Scripture Reading**

**Genesis 1:26-28, NIV**

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

<sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in His own image,  
in the image of God He created him;  
male and female He created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

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

### **Sermon**

**Dr. Jimmy Agan**

**Rebuilding the Ruins: Made in the Image of a Personal God**

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## **COMMUNION**

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### **Confession of Faith**

**adapted from Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #6**

Leader: How did God create people?

All: God created them good and in His own image, that is, in true righteousness and holiness, so that they might truly know God their creator, love Him with all their heart, and live with God in eternal happiness, to praise and glorify Him.

### **Distribution of the Bread and Cup**

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## **SENDING**

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*All Must Be Well*

### **Benediction**

**II Corinthians 13:14, NIV**

*Loving our community to life by pursuing gospel restoration*