



9:30 am Worship Service
April 14, 2024

Reformed Presbyterian Church exists to be a stream of God's refreshing grace for people from all walks of life.

Today's speaker: Anthony Martin, Ruling Elder, completed an internship at RPC in 2022.

Worship Leader: Josiah Weaver, Ruling Elder

Organist: Courtney Brooke

Choir Director: Rachel Klein

PRELUDE

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 148:1-3, 7, 9-11, 13 (ESV)

Leader: Praise the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights!

People: **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!**

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him all you shining stars!

People: **Praise the LORD from the earth you great sea creatures and all deeps,**

Leader: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

People: **Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!**

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

People: **Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 122

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Unison: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent; for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Amen.**

Leader: 1 John 1:9 tells us “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Thanks be to God.

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Creation Sings
This I Believe*

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN’S WORSHIP

(4 years old to 1st grade)

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD’S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

Lord, We Come Together Here /D. Lantz III

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 104 (ESV)

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul!
O Lord my God, you are very great!

People: You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.

Leader: He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters; he makes the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind;

People: He makes his messengers winds, his ministers a flaming fire.

Leader: He set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be moved.

People: You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

Leader: At your rebuke they fled; at the sound of your thunder they took to flight.

People: The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place that you appointed for them.

Leader: You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

People: You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills;

Leader: They give drink to every beast of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

People: Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell; they sing among the branches.

Leader: From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

People: You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate,

Leader: That he may bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the heart of man,

People: Oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart.

Leader: The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

People: In them the birds build their nests; the stork has her home in the fir trees.

Leader: The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the rock badgers.

People: He made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.

Leader: You make darkness, and it is night, when all the beasts of the forest creep about.

People: The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.

Leader: When the sun rises, they steal away and lie down in their dens.

People: Man goes out to his work and to his labor until the evening.

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

People: Here is the sea, great and wide, which teems with creatures innumerable, living things both small and great.

Leader: There go the ships, and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it.

People: These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.

Leader: When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

People: When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

Leader: When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

People: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works,

Leader: Who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!

People: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Leader: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

People: Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more! Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!

SERMON

All Creation Looks to God
To God Be the Glory, from the Psalms series
Anthony Martin

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **119** *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL
HOUR (4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE *The Glory of God in Nature/ L. Beethoven*

Song Lyrics

122 *God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory*

God, all nature sings thy glory,
and thy works proclaim thy might;
ordered vastness in the heavens,
ordered course of day and night;
beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea;
all the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity.

Clearer still we see thy hand in
man whom thou hast made for thee;
ruler of creation's glory, image of thy majesty.
Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days,
are the calling of his Maker to the harvest feast of praise.

But our sins have spoiled thine image;
nature, conscience only serve as unceasing, grim reminders
of the wrath which we deserve.
Yet thy grace and saving mercy in thy Word of truth revealed
claim the praise of all who know thee,
in the blood of Jesus sealed.

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;
we, thy creatures, would adore thee, now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;
with our acts as with our voices thy commandments to fulfill.

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Creation Sings

Creation sings the Father's song He calls the sun to wake the dawn
And run the course of day Till evening comes in crimson rays
His fingerprints in flakes of snow His breath upon this spinning globe
He charts the eagle's flight Commands the newborn baby's cry

Hallelujah Let all creation stand and sing
Hallelujah Fill the earth with songs of worship
Tell the wonders of creation's King

Creation gazed upon His face The ageless One in time's embrace
Unveiled the Father's plan Of reconciling God and man
A second Adam walked the earth
Whose blameless life would break the curse
Whose death would set us free To live with Him eternally

Hallelujah Let all creation stand and sing
Hallelujah Fill the earth with songs of worship
Tell the wonders of creation's King

Creation longs for His return When Christ shall reign upon the earth
The bitter wars that rage Are birth pains of a coming age
When He renews the land and sky All heaven will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme The glory of our God and King

Hallelujah Let all creation stand and sing
Hallelujah Fill the earth with songs of worship
Tell the wonders of creation's King

This I Believe

Our Father everlasting
The all-creating One
God Almighty
Through your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Savior
I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One

I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high
I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One

I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus
I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

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I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord
I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One

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This I Believe cont.

I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

For I believe in the Name of Jesus
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church

I believe in the resurrection
when Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

This I Believe (The Creed), Words and Music by Ben Fielding / Benjamin
David Fielding / Matt Crocker / Matthew Philip Crocker

119 I Sing the Almighty Power of God

I sing th' almighty pow'r of God,
that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad,
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command,
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,
who filled the earth with food,
He formed the creatures with his Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flow'r below,
but makes your glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from your throne;
While all that borrows life from you
is ever in your care,
And everywhere that man can be,
you, God, are present there.