



**9:30 am Worship Service**  
**April 7, 2024**

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

**Today's speaker:** Dr. Tim Witmer, Interim Pastor

**Worship Leader:** Phil Weaver, Ruling Elder

**Pianist:** Janelle Labs

**Choir Director:** Rachel Klein

**PRELUDE**

*Near the Cross* /arr. F. Lopez  
*Glory to His Name* /arr. W. Watson

◇ A time of quiet preparation

**WORDS OF GREETING**

**WE APPROACH GOD**

IN WORD

1 Chronicles 16:34-36 (ESV)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

People: **His love endures forever.**

Leader: Cry out, "Save us, God our Savior;

People: **Gather us and deliver us from the nations,**

Leader: That we may give thanks to your holy name,

People: **and glory in your praise."**

Leader: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,

People: **from everlasting to everlasting.**

Leader: Then all the people said

People: **“Amen” and “Praise the Lord.”**

IN PRAYER

**\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 167

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

**\*WE CONFESS OUR FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

People: **We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son  
of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds;  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God;  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the  
Father, by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation, came down from  
heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the  
virgin Mary, and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose  
again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right  
hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glo-  
ry, to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver  
of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is  
worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic  
church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remis-  
sion of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the  
dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**\*WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Great Things  
Thank You, Jesus, for the Blood*

**WELCOME TO ALL**

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING  
WELCOME TO VISITORS

**WE SEEK GOD'S FACE**

Prayers of God's People

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY  
HYMNAL CHOIR 436

*Zion, Founded on the Mountains*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 30 (ESV)

Leader: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

People: <sup>2</sup> **O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

Leader: <sup>3</sup> O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

People: <sup>4</sup> **Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.**

Leader: <sup>5</sup> For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

People: **Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

Leader: <sup>6</sup> As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

People: <sup>7</sup> **By your favor, O Lord, you made my mountain stand strong;**

**you hid your face; I was dismayed.**

Leader: <sup>8</sup> To you, O Lord, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:

People: <sup>9</sup> **"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit?"**

Leader: Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

People: <sup>10</sup> **Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me! O Lord, be my helper!"**

Leader: <sup>11</sup> You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, <sup>12</sup> that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

People: **O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!**

SERMON

*Time for Joy*  
*To God Be the Glory, from the Psalms series*  
Dr. Tim Witmer

**WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

PREPARATION

THE INVITATION

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*Lord, I Need You*

***Please Note:*** An elder is available in the rear of the sanctuary during communion to pray with you regarding any needs or issues in your life.

**WE REMEMBER THOSE IN NEED**

THE LOVE OFFERING/CLOSING HYMN **173** *Praise Him! Praise Him!*

\*WORDS OF PEACE

Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

## Song Lyrics

### **167 *When Morning Gilds the Sky***

When morning gilds the skies my heart awaking cries:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

When sleep her balm denies, my silent spirit sighs,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
When evil thoughts molest, with this I shield my breast,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

In heav'n's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
The pow'rs of darkness fear,  
when this sweet chant they hear:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round, in joyful notes resound;  
May Jesus Christ be praised.  
Let air and sea and sky, from depth to height, reply:  
May Jesus Christ be praised.

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this th' eternal song through all the ages on:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

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## *Great Things*

Come let us worship our King Come let us bow at His feet  
He has done great things  
See what our Savior has done See how His love overcomes  
He has done great things He has done great things

Oh, hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave  
You free every captive and break every chain  
Oh God, You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive  
Oh Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high  
Oh God, You have done great things

You've been faithful through every storm You'll be faithful forevermore  
You have done great things And I know You will do it again  
For Your promise is "Yes and amen"  
You will do great things God, You do great things

Oh, hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave  
You free every captive and break every chain  
Oh God, You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive  
Oh Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high  
Oh God, You have done great things

Hallelujah God, above it all Hallelujah God, unshakable  
Hallelujah, You have done great things  
Hallelujah God, above it all  
Hallelujah God, unshakable Hallelujah,  
You have done great things  
You've done great things

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Oh God, You have done great things  
You have done great things Oh God, You do great things

***Thank You, Jesus, for the Blood***

I was a wretch; I remember who I was.  
I was lost, I was blind, I was running out of time.

Sin separated, the breach was far too wide,  
but from the far side of the chasm,  
You held me in your sight.

So You made a way across the great divide,  
Left behind Heaven's throne to build it here inside.

There at the cross You paid the debt I owed.  
Broke my chains, freed my soul,  
For the first time I had hope.

Thank you, Jesus, for the blood applied.  
Thank you, Jesus, it has washed me white.  
Thank you, Jesus, You have saved my life,  
brought me from the darkness into glorious light.

You took my place, laid inside my tomb of sin.  
You were buried for three days,  
but then You walked right out again.

And now death has no sting and life has no end  
for I have been transformed by the blood of the Lamb.

Thank you, Jesus, for the blood applied.  
Thank you, Jesus, it has washed me white.  
Thank you, Jesus, You have saved my life,  
brought me from the darkness into glorious light.

There is nothing stronger than the wonder working power of the  
blood,  
the blood  
that calls us sons and daughters.  
We are ransomed by our Father through the blood,  
the blood (repeat)

Thank you, Jesus, for the blood applied.  
Thank you, Jesus, it has washed me white.  
Thank you, Jesus, You have saved my life,  
brought me from the darkness into glorious light.

***Lord I Need You***

Lord I come, I confess  
Bowling here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

C Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

V2 Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me  
Where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

B: So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay

C Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

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Oh God how I need You



### 173 Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!  
Sing, O Earth, His wonderful love proclaim!  
Hail Him! Hail Him! Highest archangels in glory;  
Strength and honor give to His holy Name!  
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,  
In His arms He carries them all day long.  
Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness;  
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!  
For our sins He suffered, and bled, and died.  
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,  
Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus the Crucified.  
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows,  
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong.  
Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness;  
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!  
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!  
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever;  
Crown Him! Crown Him! Prophet, and Priest, and King!  
Christ is coming! over the world victorious,  
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong.  
Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness;  
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!