

Reformed Presbyterian Church 9:30 am Worship Service April 3, 2022

We are so glad you are worshiping with us this morning!

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

Today's Speaker: Rev. Kevin Sheahan

Worship Leader: Nick Crowther, Ruling Elder

Organist: Courtney Abbott-Fogie

PRELUDES

Trumpet Voluntary/ J. Travers

Prelude on "When Morning Gilds the Skies"/ J. Hanson

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD Psalm 117 (ESV)

People: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 302

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

People: I believe in God the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Wonderful Grace of Jesus God So Loved

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. Psalm 118:22-23 (ESV)

Cornerstone

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

I Will Lift Up My Eyes/ D. Waggoner

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8:1-15 (ESV)

SERMON

Equalizer series in Luke: Who Is this Man?

Rev. Kevin Sheahan

WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PREPARATION

THE INVITATION

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

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 347 (vss. 1, 2, 4, & 6)

The Church's One Foundation Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)

*WORDS OF PEACE

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.

Announcements

Postlude

Song Lyrics

302 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen! loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice; praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen! let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen! He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend; His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen! life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

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Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Wonderful grace of Jesus, Greater than all my sin; How shall my tongue describe it, Where shall its praise begin? Taking away my burden, Setting my spirit free; For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Refrain:

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus, Deeper than the mighty rolling sea; Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain, All-sufficient grace for even me! Broader than the scope of my transgressions, Greater far than all my sin and shame; Oh, magnify the precious Name of Jesus, Praise His Name!

Wonderful grace of Jesus, Reaching to all the lost, By it I have been pardoned, Saved to the uttermost; Chains have been torn asunder, Giving me liberty; For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Wonderful grace of Jesus, Reaching the most defiled, By its transforming power, Making him God's dear child, Purchasing peace and heaven For all eternity— And the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

God So Loved

Come all you weary, Come all you thirsty Come to the well that never runs dry Drink of the water, Come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners, Come find His mercy Come to the table He will satisfy Taste of His goodness, Find what you're looking for

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions Come lay them down at the foot of the cross Jesus is waiting there With open arms

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us Whoever believes in Him will live forever The power of hell forever defeated Now it is well I'm walking in freedom For God so loved God so loved the world

Praise God praise God From whom all blessings flow Praise Him praise Him For the wonders of His love

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus name
My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus name

Christ alone, Cornerstone, Weak made strong in the Saviour's love Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil My anchor holds within the veil

Christ alone, Cornerstone, Weak made strong in the Saviour's love Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all

He is Lord, Lord of all. Christ alone, Cornerstone Weak made strong in the Saviour's love Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all, yeah Christ alone, Cornerstone.

Weak made strong in the Saviour's love Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in Him be found Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless stand before the throne

Christ alone, Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Saviour's love Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all

There is a Redeemer

There Is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God,
Messiah, Ho--ly One.
Thank You, oh my Father
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit
'til the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names Precious Lamb of God, Messiah O for sinners slain. Thank You, oh my Father For giving us Your Son, And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory,
I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that Holy place.
Thank You, oh my Father
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit
'til the work on earth is done.

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347 *The Church's One Foundation* (vss. 1, 2 4, & 6)

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word. from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth; Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth. one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

The church shall never perish! her dear Lord to defend, to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end; though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale, against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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Scripture Reading

Luke 8:1-15 (ESV)

^{8:1} Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him,² and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out,³ and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.

⁴ And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, ⁵ "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it.⁶ And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture.⁷ And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it.⁸ And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

⁹ And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, 10 he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. 12 The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. 13 And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. 14 And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. 15 As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.