



**Reformed Presbyterian Church
9:30 am Worship Service
May 1, 2022**

We are so glad you are worshipping 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. Thomas E. Nicholas, Senior Pastor
Worship Leader: Rev. Dwight McKay, Elder Emeritus
Organist: Courtney Abbott-Fogie

PRELUDES

*Interlude/ M. Hayes
Echo Holy/ Espy/Miller*

WORDS OF GREETING

IN WORD from Psalm 103 (NIV)

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—

Leader: Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

People: Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Leader: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

People: **He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.**

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

People: **Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will. Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul.**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 101

Come, Thou Almighty King

***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

*10,000 Reasons
Echo Holy (new song)*

Leader: I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. Philippians. 3:10-11 (NIV)

Draw Me Nearer

WELCOME TO ALL

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING
WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY *Jesus, Name Above All Names/* arr. M. Hayes
Aviendha Fogie, pianist

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING
SERMON

Luke 7:18-35 (NIV)
Great Expectations
series in Luke: Who Is This Man?
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PREPARATION
THE INVITATION
THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Power of the Cross

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 **246**

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

*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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Song Lyrics

101 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise.
Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend:
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour:
Thou who Almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
love and adore.

10,000 Reasons

Refrain: Bless the lord oh my soul
Oh my soul Worship his holy name
Sing like never before Oh my soul
I worship you holy name

The sun comes up. Its a new day dawning
Its time to sing your song again
What ever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all your goodness i will keep on singing
10,000 reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Soon my soul will sing your praise un-ending
10,000 years and there forever more

Bless the lord oh my soul
Oh my soul, Worship his holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I worship your holy name
I worship your holy name
I worship your holy name

Sing like never before
Oh my soul, I worship your holy name
(Jesus I will)
I worship your holy name
I worship your holy name

Echo Holy

Gathered at the highest throne, Welcomed by a melody
An anthem I have always known, A song that's always been in me
All glory and honor, dominion and power to You

A million angels fall Face down on the floor
All to echo "Holy is the Lord."
My heart can't help but sing with all of heaven roar
forever echo "Holy is the Lord." forever echo "Holy is the Lord."

Memorized by every heart, Written in eternity
Every lifted voice a part joining in the symphony
All glory and honor, dominion and power to You
All wisdom and wonder belong to no other but You

A million angels fall Face down on the floor
All to echo "Holy is the Lord."
My heart can't help but sing with all of heaven roar
forever echo "Holy is the Lord." forever echo "Holy is the Lord."
forever echo "Holy is the Lord."

Standing at the end of time, There before the throne of grace
Majesty before my eyes, I'll let it take my breath away

A million angels fall Face down on the floor
All to echo "Holy is the Lord."
My heart can't help but sing
with all of heaven roar
forever echo "Holy is the Lord."
forever echo "Holy is the Lord."

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Draw Me Nearer

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Your voice,
And it told Your love to me
But I long to rise in the arms of faith
And be closer drawn to Thee

Draw me nearer
To the cross where Thou hast died
Draw me nearer
To Your precious, bleeding side
Draw me nearer, draw me nearer

Consecrate me now to Your service, Lord
By the pow'r of grace divine
Let my soul look up with a steady hope
And my will be lost in Thine

Draw me nearer
To the cross where Thou hast died
Draw me nearer
To Your precious, bleeding side
Draw me nearer, draw me nearer

There are depths of love that I cannot know
Till I cross the narrow sea
There are heights of joy that I may not reach
Till I rest in peace with Thee

Draw me nearer
To the cross where Thou hast died
Draw me nearer
To Your precious, bleeding side
Draw me nearer, draw me nearer

Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn Of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men,
Torn and beaten, then Nailed to a cross of wood.

This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath— We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain Written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin. Ev'ry bitter thought,
Ev'ry evil deed Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath— We stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees; Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head. Curtain torn in two,
Dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath— We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see my name Written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death;
Life is mine to live, Won through Your selfless love.

This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross."

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Man of Sorrows! what a name
For the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we;
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
“Full atonement!” can it be?
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die;
“It is finished!” was His cry;
Now in heav’n exalted high.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King,
All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew His song we’ll sing:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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Scripture Reading

Luke 7:18-35 (NIV)

¹⁸ John's disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them,¹⁹ he sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?"

²⁰ When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?'"

²¹ At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. ²² So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. ²³ Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me."

²⁴ After John's messengers left, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? ²⁵ If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear expensive clothes and indulge in luxury are in palaces. ²⁶ But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷ This is the one about whom it is written:

" 'I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' "

²⁸ I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

²⁹ (All the people, even the tax collectors, when they heard Jesus' words, acknowledged that God's way was right, because they had been baptized by John.³⁰ But the Pharisees and experts in the law rejected God's purpose for themselves, because they had not been baptized by John.)

³¹ "To what, then, can I compare the people of this gener-

ation? What are they like? ³² They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling out to each other:

“ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not cry.’

³³ For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon.’ ³⁴ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and “sinners.”’ ³⁵ But wisdom is proved right by all her children.”