



9:30 am Worship Service

April 16, 2023

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 is a Ruling Elder and completed an internship at RPC in 2022.

Worship Leader: Dr. Tim Witmer, Interim Pastor

PRELUDES

◇A time of quiet preparation

*Voluntary in D/ W. Croft
Jesus Shall Reign/ arr. D. Paxton*

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 100 (ESV)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**People: Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!**

Leader: Know that the LORD, he is God!

**People: It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts
with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**People: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures
forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 309

Rejoice, the Lord Is 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 un-
der 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

*House of the Lord
Christ is Risen, He's Risen Indeed
Be Exalted*

MISSION MOMENT

Emmanuel Mulondo

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/OFFERTORY
O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus with *Jesus Loves Me*/ arr. L. Larson

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:24-31 (ESV)

SERMON

Believing Thomas
Anthony Martin

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **457** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*WORDS OF PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Song Lyrics

309 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains He took His seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n,
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all His foes submit,
And bow to His command, and fall beneath His feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge shall come,
And take His servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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House of the Lord

We worship the God who was, We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors, He parted the raging sea
My God, He holds the victory

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet, We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place, And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals, We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross, Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet, We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet, We shout out Your praise

We were the beggars, Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners, Now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted, Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

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There's joy in the house of the Lord
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There's joy in the house of the Lord
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And we won't be quiet, We shout out Your praise

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

How can it be the One who died
Has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death
Sing, sing hallelujah

For joy awakes as dawning light
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes
Alive He stands their Friend and King
Christ, Christ He is risen

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed, Oh sing hallelujah
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed (He is risen)

Where doubt and darkness once had been
They saw Him and their hearts believed
But blessed are those who have not seen
Yet sing hallelujah

Once bound by fear now bold in faith
They preached the truth and power of grace
And pouring out their lives they gained, Life, life everlasting

The power that raised Him from the grave
Now works in us to powerfully save
He frees our hearts to live His grace
Go tell of His goodness

He's alive, He's alive,
Heaven's gates are opened wide
He's alive, He's alive,
Now in heaven glorified

Be Exalted, O God

I will give thanks to Thee,
O Lord, among the people
I will sing praises to Thee
Among the nations
For Thy steadfast love is great
Is great to the heavens
And Thy faithfulness
Thy faithfulness to the clouds

Be exalted, O God
Above the heavens
Let Thy glory be over all the earth
Be exalted, O God
Above the heavens
Let Thy glory be over all the earth!

457 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander— Lord, I feel it—
prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, Words by R. Robinson, Music by A. Nettleton
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SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:24-31 (ESV)

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.