



REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 20, 2025

9:30 am Easter Worship Service

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

Today's Speaker: Dr. David Kieffer, Senior Pastor

Worship Leader: Josiah Weaver, Ruling Elder

Organist: Courtney Brooke

Choir Director: Rachel Klein

PRELUDE

This Joyful Eastertide/ D. Wood

O Sons and Daughters (Hymn 272)/ arr. F. Dandrieu

Up From the Grave He Arose (Hymn 276)/ arr. R. Graham

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (Hymn 277)/ arr. R. Graham

The Strife Is O'er (Hymn 275)/ arr. K. Ford

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Josiah Weaver

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from I Corinthians 15:55-57 and Romans 6:9-10 (ESV)

Leader: The Lord is risen.

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Christ our Savior was raised from the dead,

People: Death has no power over him!

Leader: The death he died, he died to sin once for all;

People: But the resurrection life he lives, he lives to God!

Leader: Where, O death, is your victory?

People: Where, O death, is your sting?

Leader: The sting of death is sin,
and the power of sin is the law.

**People: But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Leader: The Lord is risen.

People: He is risen indeed!

***HYMN 273**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 28:1-7 (NIV)

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week,
Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord
came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the
stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his
clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him
that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know
that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not
here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where
he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen
from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you
will see him.'"

CHORAL ANTHEM

Day of All Days/ R. Nagy

Day of all days, crowning the ages!

Here is the day Jesus was raised!

Show Him honor, bring Him praises, He is alive today!

Day of all days! Death is defeated.

Father be praised, Jesus is raised!

Hear the hosts on high repeat it: Jesus is risen today!

*Day of all days, morning of splendor! Now we proclaim: Jesus is raised!
Saints in every age remember: He is alive, alive today!
Day of all days! Dawning immortal, Humbling the grave, Jesus is raised!
Throwing open heaven's portal, Jesus is risen today!*

*He is God's Son robed in might and majesty.
He left His throne and He came to die.
He bore our place on the Cross of Calvary.
He was dead, now death He has defied.*

*He is God's Son robed in might and majesty
He left His throne and He came to die
He bore our place on the Cross of Calvary
(Scorned and despised, justice denied Him)
He was dead, now death He has defied.*

*Day of all days, crowning the ages! Here is the day Jesus was raised!
Show Him honor, bring Him praises, He is alive today!
Day of all days! Death is defeated. Father be praised, Jesus is raised!
Hear the hosts on high repeat it: Jesus is risen today!*

***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**

WELCOME TO VISITORS

Anthony Martin

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

***WORSHIP SONGS**

*Resurrection Hymn
Christ is Risen, He's Risen Indeed
Glorious Day*

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:14-16 (ESV)

For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY *The Power of the Cross/ K. Getty*

*O 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.*

*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.*

*O to see my name written in the wounds,
for through Your suff'ring 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: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; We stand forgiven at the cross.*

HYMN/ CHORAL ANTHEM *Crown Him, the Risen King!/ L. Larson*

*All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing:
"Christ is risen! Christ is risen!" O praise Him, alleluia!*

*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!*

*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!*

Congregation join when indicated:

**Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

All creatures of our God and King, Christ is risen! Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:36-48 (ESV)

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

EASTER MESSAGE

Resurrection Hope
Dr. David Kieffer

CHORAL ANTHEM

Crown Him!/ M. McDonald

*Behold the cross, behold the Lamb.
Behold the sacrifice of God's salvation plan.
The Son of God, He came, sin of man to claim.
Crown Him, crown Him! Savior, Lord Most Holy.
Crown Him, crown Him! Christ, the Lord of all.
Crown Him, crown Him! Savior, Lord Most Holy.
Crown Him, crown Him! Christ, the Lord of all.

Rejoice, the King! Rejoice, the Savior.
Sing high the praise of God in Christ, Jesus, the Son,
whose death on Calvary was victory!
Crown Him, crown Him! Savior, Lord Most Holy.*

Crown Him, crown Him! Christ, the Lord of all.

Hosanna in the highest; Hosanna to the King!

Crown Him, crown Him! Savior, Lord Most Holy.

Crown Him, crown Him! Christ, the Lord of all.

Crown Him the Lord of all!

SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 15:20-27a (NIV)

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For he “has put everything under his feet.”

***HYMN 267**

The Day of Resurrection!

***WORDS OF PEACE**

***POSTLUDE**

Resurrection Fanfare/ L. Smith

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SONG LYRICS

273 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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Resurrection Hymn (See, What a Morning)

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"

See God's salvation plan,
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!

The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.
Honor and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority!

And we are raised with Him,
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with Him,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

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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

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Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)

One day when heaven was filled with His praises
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men my example is He
The Word became flesh
And the light shined among us
His glory revealed

Living He loved me dying He saved me
Buried He carried my sins far away
Rising He justified freely forever
One day He's coming
O glorious day (glorious day)

One day they led Him up Calv'ry's mountain
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish despised and rejected
Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He
The hand that healed nations
Stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer
One day the stone rolled away from the door
Then He arose over death He had conquered
Now is ascended my Lord evermore
Death could not hold Him
The grave could not keep Him
From rising again

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming
One day the skies with His glories will shine
Wonderful day my beloved one bringing
My Savior Jesus is mine

O glorious day glorious day
O glorious day

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267 *The Day of Resurrection!*

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from this world to the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over,
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,
Let earth the song begin;
Let the round world keep triumph,
and all that is therein;
Invisible and visible,
their notes let all things blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.