



REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 5, 2026

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: Anthony Martin, Assistant Pastor

Organist: Courtney Brooke

Choir Director: Rachel Klein

PRELUDE

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain (Hymn 265)/ arr. A. Fedak

The Risen Christ/ J. Carrier

How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them/ G. F. Handel

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (Hymn 277)/ arr. L. Smith

Laudation on 'The Day of Resurrection' (Hymn 267)/ A. Jordan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Anthony Martin

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

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!

CHORAL ANTHEM

Easter Introit/ G. F. Handel

*Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,
and hath redeemed us to God
by His blood, to receive power,
and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and glory, and blessing.*

*Blessing and honor, glory and pow'r be unto Him,
be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne,
and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.*

***HYMN**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today/ arr. D. J. Benton

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
All creation join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise: Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 24:36-43 (ESV)

Micah Natal, Reader

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ 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." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Love So Amazing/ L. Smith

*O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia!*

*That Easter morn, at break of day, the faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!*

*An angel clad in white they see, who sits and speaks unto the three,
"Your Lord will go to Galilee." Alleluia, alleluia!*

*On this most holy day of days, in laud and Jubilee and praise:
To God our hearts and voices raise. Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all,
Demands my soul, my life, my all. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***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 hell¹. 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 catholic² church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

¹ meaning the God-forsaken state of Jesus in his suffering, death, and burial. ² meaning universal

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

***WORSHIP SONGS**

*See, What a Morning
Glorious Day
Living Hope*

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY *Jesus Is Lord/* arr. M. McDonald

*Lord of heaven, Lord of earth;
Son and Savior, Holy birth.
And at His Name ev'ry tongue will say:
"Jesus is Lord!"—the cry that echoes through creation:
Resplendent power, eternal Word, our Rock.
The Son of God, the King whose glory fills the heavens,
Yet bids us come to taste this bread of life.*

Lord, Creator, Lord of Love;

*Lord and Savior, Lord, Son of Love.
Jesus is Lord—Whose voice sustains the stars and planets,
Yet in His wisdom laid aside His crown.
Jesus the Man, who washed our feet,
who bore our suffering,
Became accursed to bring salvation's plan.*

*Jesus is Lord—the tomb is gloriously empty!
Not even death could crush this King of Love!
The price is paid, the chains are loosed, and we're forgiven,
And we can run into the arms of God.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:44-48 (ESV)
Donn Youndt, Reader

⁴⁴ 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." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

*HYMN (*Choir only vs. 3*)

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds/ J. Behnke

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed!
Christ has triumphed!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift He brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife. "Christ has triumphed!
He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Choir only:

*Oh fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Christ has triumphed! He is living!"*

Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 16:1-8 (ESV)
Jenny Fitch, Reader

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶ And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples

and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.”⁸ And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

EASTER MESSAGE

He is Risen!
Dr. David Kieffer

***HYMN**

Crown Him with Many Crowns/ arr. O. D. Hall Jr.

Choir: Crown Him Lord of all!

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;
Who 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.

Crown Him Lord of all!

Crown Him the Lord of love! Behold His hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me.
Thy praise and glory shall not fail through all eternity!

Amen! Amen!

***SCRIPTURE READING**

I Corinthians 15:55-58 (ESV)
Kim Gormley, Reader

“O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

***HYMN**

Christus Victor (Amen)/ arr. P. Campbell and J. Langley

O Most High, King of the ages, Great I AM, God of wonders
By the blood You have redeemed us, led us through mighty waters
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation
Now to the Lamb upon the throne be blessing, honor, glory, power
for the battle You have won. Hallelujah! Amen

O Most High, dwelling among us,
Son of man, sent for sinners
By Your blood You have redeemed us

Spotless Lamb, mighty Savior,
who lived, who died, who rose victorious
Now to the Lamb upon the throne
be blessing, honor, glory, power
for the battle You have won. Hallelujah!

With every tribe and every tongue we join the anthem of the angels
in the triumph of the Son, Hallelujah! Amen

O Most High, King of the nations,
robed in praise, crowned with splendor
On that day, who will not tremble when You stand,
Christ the Victor who was, and is, and is forever.

Now to the Lamb upon the throne be blessing, honor, glory, power
for the battle You have won. Hallelujah!

With every tribe and every tongue we join the anthem of the angels
in the triumph of the Son. Hallelujah! Amen. Amen, a - - - men

Amen, amen, a - - - men.

Amen, amen, a - - - men

Sing the victory of the Lamb,
Hallelujah! Amen, Amen

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Triumphantly Risen/ L. Smith

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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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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Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven And spoke Your name into the night

Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame

The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me

Jesus, Yours is the victory, whoa!

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope Jesus Christ, my living hope
Oh God, You are my living hope

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