



REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
August 25, 2024
9:30 am 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: Donn Youndt, Ruling Elder

Organist: Courtney Brooke

Choir Director: Rachel Klein

PRELUDE

Largo/ G. F. Handel
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name/ arr. L. Smith
Janelle Labs, piano

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Isaiah 55:6-9 (ESV)

Leader: "Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the Lord, that he may have
compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN 2 (vss. 1-4)

O Worship the King

***WE CONFESS OUR FAITH** Adapted from Psalm 16 (ESV)

Leader: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

People: **I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no
good apart from you.”**

Leader: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold
my lot.

People: **The lines have fallen for me in pleasant plac-
es indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

Leader: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night
my heart instructs me.

People: **I have set the Lord always before me; because he is
at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Leader: Therefore, my heart is glad, and my whole being re-
joices; my flesh also dwells secure.

People: **For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let
your holy one see corruption**

Leader: You make known to me the path of life.

People: **In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your
right hand are pleasures forevermore**

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

Yes I Will

Yet Not I

Draw Me Nearer

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

HYMNAL CHOIR

Sun of My Soul, Thou Savior Dear, (Hymn 404 vss. 1-4 & 6)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:3-14 (ESV)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

SERMON

The Official Trailer of God's Story

(2 of 12 in the series)

Ephesians: Seeing The Church through God's Eyes

Dr. David Kieffer

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **115**

All Creatures of Our God and King

*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

To God All Glory Given/ R. Sawyer

Hymn Lyrics

2 *O Worship the King* (vss. 1-4)

1. O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3. The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4. Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Yes I Will

I count on one thing

The same God that never fails Will not fail me now

You won't fail me now In the waiting

The same God who's never late Is working all things out

You're working all things out

Yes I will lift You high In the lowest valley

Yes I will bless Your name Yes I will sing for joy

When my heart is heavy All my days yes I will

I count on one thing

The same God that never fails Will not fail me now

You won't fail me now In the waiting

The same God who's never late Is working all things out

You're working all things out

For all my days yes I will

I choose to praise To glorify glorify

The name of all names That nothing can stand against

Yes I will lift You high In the lowest valley

Yes I will bless Your name Yes I will sing for joy

When my heart is heavy All my days yes I will

For all my days -Yes I will

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine!"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Savior, He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price, it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated
Jesus now, and ever, is my plea
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free!"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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

115 All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
"Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light.
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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