



**9:30 am Worship Service**

**August 6, 2023**

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

**Today's speaker: Rev. Matt Irvine**

Worship Leader: Dr. Tim Witmer, Interim Pastor

**PRELUDE**

**WORDS OF GREETING**

**WE APPROACH GOD**

IN WORD

Psalm 117 (ESV)

Leader: Praise the Lord, all you nations

**People: Extol him, all you peoples.**

Leader: For great is his love toward us,

**People: And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: PRAISE THE LORD!**

IN PRAYER

**\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE **38** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

**\*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

*Come, People of the Risen King  
10,000 Reasons  
O Praise the Name*

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Stephen Jones

**WELCOME TO ALL**

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING  
WELCOME TO VISITORS

**WE SEEK GOD'S FACE**

Prayers of God's People

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

*I Heard About A Man/ R. Courtney/ R. Brown  
Barb Witmer, vocals; Rachel Klein, flute*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 37:23, 24, 28, 36; 39:20;45:1-15 (ESV)

SERMON

***God's Strangely Good Plan***

Rev. Matt Irvine

**WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

PREPARATION

THE INVITATION

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*There is a Redeemer*

***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 **53**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

\*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

### 38 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*, Words by Walter Chalmers Smith, Music Traditional  
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***Come, People of the Risen King***

Come, people of the Risen King,  
Who delight to bring Him praise;  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in.

**REFRAIN**

Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,  
And those weeping through the night;  
Come, those who tell of battles won,  
And those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change,  
And His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land -  
Men and women of the faith;  
Come, those with full or empty hands -  
Find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world, His people sing -  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age:  
“Our God is all in all”

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*10,000 Reasons*

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

The sun comes up, It's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

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

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  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

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

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still, my soul will sing your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forever more

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

Bless the Lord, oh my soul. Oh my soul,  
Worship his holy name  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul  
I'll worship your holy name  
Worship your holy name  
Lord, I'll worship your holy name

***O Praise the Name***

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds His hands His feet My  
Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of heaven rose again  
O trampled death where is your sting?  
The angels roar for Christ the King

O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

***There is a Redeemer***

There Is a Redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God,  
Messiah, Ho--ly One.  
Thank You, oh my Father  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit  
'til the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer,  
Name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah  
O for sinners slain.  
Thank You, oh my Father  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit  
'til the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory,  
I will see His face  
There I'll serve my King forever  
In that Holy place.  
Thank You, oh my Father  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit  
'til the work on earth is done.



## 1640 For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin,  
He sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and, list'ning to His voice,  
New life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
The humble poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosen'd tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;  
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*, Words by Charles Wesley, Music by Carl G. Gläser, arr. by Lowell Mason  
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## SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 37:23-24, 28, 36; 39:20; 45:1-15 (ESV)

<sup>23</sup> So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the robe of many colors that he wore. <sup>24</sup> And they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

<sup>28</sup> Then Midianite traders passed by. And they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt.

<sup>36</sup> Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard.

<sup>20</sup> And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined, and he was there in prison.

Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, "Make everyone go out from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup> And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. <sup>3</sup> And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

<sup>4</sup> So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup> For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup> And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup> So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. <sup>10</sup> You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children,

and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.

<sup>11</sup> There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' <sup>12</sup> And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup> You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here."

<sup>14</sup> Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup> And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.