



Reformed Presbyterian Church

9:30 am Worship Service

February 12, 2023

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

TODAY'S SPEAKER: Dr. Tim Witmer
Worship Leader: Josiah Weaver, Ruling Elder
Organist: Courtney Abbott-Fogie
Choir Director: Rachel Klein

PRELUDE

Make Me a Servant/ arr. T. Wilhelmi
What Wondrous Love Is This/ arr. M. Hayes

◇ A time of quiet preparation

Kathleen Golias, piano

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!**

Leader: Come into his presence with singing!

People: **Know that the LORD, he is God!**
It is he who made us, and we are his;

Leader: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

People: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!**

Leader: 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 310

Rejoice, the Lord is King

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

Article Three of the Belgic Confession: The Written Word of God

Unison: We confess that this Word of God was not sent nor delivered by the will of men, but that holy men of God spoke, being moved by the Holy Spirit, as Peter says. Afterwards our God—because of the special care he has for us and our salvation—commanded his servants, the prophets and apostles, to commit this revealed Word to writing. He himself wrote with his own finger the two tables of the law. Therefore we call such writings holy and divine Scriptures.

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Battle Belongs
O Most High
Mighty to Save*

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/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

The Church's One Foundation/ arr. C. Court-

ney

Congregation stands and joins choir when indicated

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 6-7 (ESV)

SERMON

Rebuilding for His Glory...With Perseverance

Rebuilding for His Glory: A Study of the Book of Nehemiah

Dr. Tim Witmer

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **580**

Lead On, O King Eternal

*WORDS OF PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

*Our church is currently searching for a new Pastor. In the meantime,
our pulpit supply is being provided by guest ministers.*

Today's speaker is: **Rev. Dr. Timothy Witmer**

Song Lyrics

310 *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!

Rejoice, the Lord Is King, Words by Charles Wesley, Music by John Darwall
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Battle Belongs

When all I see is the battle, You see my victory
When all I see is a mountain, You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now For I am safe with You

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high
O God the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
O God the battle belongs to You

And if You are for me, Who can be against me
For Jesus there's nothing Impossible for You
When all I see are the ashes, You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross, God You see the empty tomb

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high
O God the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
O God the battle belongs to You

An Almighty Fortress You go before us
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God
You shine in the shadows
You win every battle
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God

O God the battle belongs to You

O Most High

I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart
I will sing glorious praises to Your name
I will be glad and exult in You my Lord
Yesterday, today, forever, You're the same

O Most High You are my stronghold
When troubles come You're my hiding place
O Most High Those who know you trust you
You will not forsake the ones
Who seek Your face

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Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion, A love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me

Everyone needs forgiveness, The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Saviour, he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of Salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as you find me, All my fears and failures
Fill my life again

I give my life to follow, Everything that I believe in
Now I surrender

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Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen king Jesus [2x]

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580 *Lead On, O King Eternal*

Lead on, O King eternal,
the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
thy grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords' loud clashing
nor roll of stirring drums
but deeds of love and mercy
the heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal;
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might.

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 6 (ESV)

¹Now when Sanballat and Tobiah and Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies heard that I had built the wall and that there was no breach left in it (although up to that time I had not set up the doors in the gates), ²Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, “Come and let us meet together at Hakkephirim in the plain of Ono.” But they intended to do me harm. ³And I sent messengers to them, saying, “I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?” ⁴And they sent to me four times in this way, and I answered them in the same manner. ⁵In the same way Sanballat for the fifth time sent his servant to me with an open letter in his hand. ⁶In it was written, “It is reported among the nations, and Geshem also says it, that you and the Jews intend to rebel; that is why you are building the wall. And according to these reports you wish to become their king. ⁷And you have also set up prophets to proclaim concerning you in Jerusalem, ‘There is a king in Judah.’ And now the king will hear of these reports. So now come and let us take counsel together.” ⁸Then I sent to him, saying, “No such things as you say have been done, for you are inventing them out of your own mind.” ⁹For they all wanted to frighten us, thinking, “Their hands will drop from the work, and it will not be done.” But now, O God, strengthen my hands.

¹⁰Now when I went into the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, son of Mehetabel, who was confined to his home, he said, “Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple. Let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you. They are coming to kill you by night.” ¹¹But I said, “Should such a man as I run away? And what man such as I could go into the temple and live? I will not go in.” ¹²And I understood and saw that God had not sent him, but he had pronounced the prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. ¹³For this purpose he was hired, that I should be afraid and act in this way and sin, and so they could give me a bad name in order to taunt me. ¹⁴Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, O my God, according to these things that they did, and also the prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets who wanted to make me afraid.

¹⁵ So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty-two days. ¹⁶ And when all our enemies heard of it, all the nations around us were afraid and fell greatly in their own esteem, for they perceived that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God. ¹⁷ Moreover, in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters to Tobiah, and Tobiah's letters came to them. ¹⁸ For many in Judah were bound by oath to him, because he was the son-in-law of Shecaniah the son of Arah: and his son Jehohanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah as his wife. ¹⁹ Also they spoke of his good deeds in my presence and reported my words to him. And Tobiah sent letters to make me afraid.