



The Gospel of Mark

The Unexpected King

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
February 8, 2026
9:30 am Worship Service

Multiplying disciples one life at a time.

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

Worship Leader: Nick Crowther, Ruling Elder

Organist: Courtney Brooke

Choir Director: Rachel Klein

PRELUDE

*A Song of Gladness/ W. Barnett
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee/ arr. L. Smith*

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Malachi 3:1b-4 (ESV)

Leader: The Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming!

People: **But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.**

Leader: He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD.

People: Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 198 (vss. 1-4)

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Adapted from *The Valley of Vision, The Great God*

**Unison: O fountain of all good, destroy in me every
lofty thought, break pride to pieces and scatter
it to the winds, annihilate each clinging shred
of self-righteousness, and implant in me a
meek spirit. Break me, then bind me up. Then
will my heart be a prepared dwelling for my
God. Then can the blessed Jesus come with
healing in His touch. Then can the Holy Spirit
descend in sanctifying grace. When You are
present, evil cannot abide. In Your fellowship
is fullness of joy. O Holy Trinity, inhabit me, a
temple consecrated to Your glory. Amen**

***WE REST IN GOD'S JUST MERCY** Rom. 3:23-26 (esv)

Leader: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness ... so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

ORDINATION OF OFFICERS

Office of Deacon: Austin High, Andrew Johnson

WE RECEIVE NEW MEMBERS

Eric & Kim Andrew, Logan & Melissa Auker, Tim & Abbie Beever,
Jack Hall, Kerr McCray, Matthew & Jenna McDonald, Micah & Calie
Natal, Brennan Scott, Anita Witmer, Barb Witmer
Blest Be the Tie that Binds

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

*May the Peoples Praise You
He Will Hold Me Fast*

Reader: As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.
Abide in my love. John 15:9 (ESV)
Jesus Loves Me/ Oh, How He Loves You and Me

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

Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground (Hymn 518, vss. 1, 3-5)
DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
(ages 4-6 years old)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:12-26 (ESV)

¹² On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. ¹³ And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴ And he said to it, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard it.

¹⁵ And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹⁶ And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. ¹⁷ And he was teaching them and saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’? But you have made it a den of robbers.” ¹⁸ And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was astonished at his teaching. ¹⁹ And when evening came they went out of the city.

²⁰ As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. ²¹ And Peter remembered and said to him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered.” ²² And Jesus answered them, “Have faith in God. ²³ Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. ²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. ²⁵ And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”

SERMON

Jesus Cleans House
The Gospel of Mark series
Dr. David Kieffer

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **53**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Song Lyrics

198 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* (vss. 1-4)

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here!

A Helper just He comes to thee,
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.

O blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

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Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Before the Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one
Our comforts and our cares.

May the Peoples Praise You

You have called us out of darkest night Into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of The risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy With endless life

May the peoples praise You, Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus

All the earth is Yours and all within Each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You To make Christ known

May the seeds of mercy grow in us For those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace To spread Your Word

May the peoples praise You, Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus

This our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name
To every nation, tribe and tongue, Your church proclaims

May the peoples praise You, Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty
All creation praise Your glorious Name

May the peoples praise You, Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast

He will hold me fast He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight When He comes at last

He will hold me fast He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

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Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak, but He is strong

Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so

Jesus loves me, He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide
He will wash away my sin
Let His little child come in

Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so

Oh, How He Loves You and Me

Oh how He loves you and me
Oh how He loves you and me
He gave His life, What more could He give
Oh how He loves you
Oh how He loves me, Oh how He loves you and me

Jesus to Calv'ry did go
His love for sinners to show
What He did there Brought hope from despair
Oh how He loves you
Oh how He loves me, Oh how He loves you and me

53 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty The King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wonderfully reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings, Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do
If with His love He befriend thee!

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief,
spreading His wings to o'er shade thee!

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly fore'er we adore Him.

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