



# The Judges of Israel

**the good, the bad and the ugly**

## REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**January 5, 2025**

**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:** Jason Rutter, Ruling Elder

**Organist:** Courtney Brooke

**Choir Director:** Rachel Klein

### PRELUDE

*Variations on "For All the Blessings of the Year"/ arr. K. Ford*  
◇ A time of quiet preparation *Solid Rock/ B. Barrett*

### WORDS OF GREETING

### WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 106:1-2 (NIV)

Praise the LORD.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the LORD  
or fully declare his praise?

IN PRAYER

**\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 4 (vss. 1-4)

*All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

**\*WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Psalm 106:6-13 (NIV)

Leader: <sup>6</sup> We have sinned, even as our ancestors did;  
we have done wrong and acted wickedly.

People: <sup>7</sup> **When our ancestors were in Egypt,  
they gave no thought to your miracles;  
they did not remember your many kindnesses,  
and they rebelled by the sea, the Red Sea.**

Leader: <sup>8</sup> Yet he saved them for his name's sake,  
to make his mighty power known.  
<sup>9</sup> He rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried up;  
he led them through the depths as through a desert.

People: <sup>10</sup> **He saved them from the hand of the foe;  
from the hand of the enemy he redeemed them.**  
<sup>11</sup> **The waters covered their adversaries;  
not one of them survived.**

Leader: <sup>12</sup> Then they believed his promises  
and sang his praise.

People: <sup>13</sup> **But they soon forgot what he had done  
and did not wait for his plan to unfold.**

**\*WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Oh My Soul  
Revelation Song  
I See the Lord*

**WELCOME TO ALL**

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING  
WELCOME TO VISITORS

**WE SEEK GOD'S FACE**

Prayers of God's People

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY  
HYMNAL CHOIR

*Trust and Obey* (Hymn 672)

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Judges 1:1-2:5 (ESV)  
Marty Kieffer, Reader

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SERMON

*The Cost of Halfhearted Obedience*  
*The Judges of Israel: The good, the bad, and the ugly*  
Dr. David Kieffer

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

PREPARATION

THE INVITATION

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*For the Glory of Your Name*

*Beginning in 2025, wine and juice are offered.*

*Cups in the outer rim of the communion tray contain grape juice.*

*All other cups contain wine.*

***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 **252**

*When I Survey the Wonderful Cross*

\*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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

## Hymn Lyrics

### ***4 All Praise to God Who Reigns Above***

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!  
With healing balm my soul He fills, the God who every sorrow stills.  
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made his gracious mercy keepeth;  
By morning dawn or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;  
Within the kingdom of His might, lo, all is just and all is right,--  
To God all praise and glory!

I cried to Him in time of need: Lord God, O, hear my calling!  
For death He gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling.  
For this my thanks shall endless be;  
O, thank Him, thank our God, with me.  
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not His flock, his chosen generation;  
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.  
As with a mother's tender hand he leads His own, His chosen band,  
To God all praise and glory!

Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!  
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!  
All idols under foot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!  
To God all praise and glory!

Then come before His presence now and banish fear and sadness;  
to your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness;  
Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God did all things well.  
To God all praise and glory!

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### ***Oh My Soul***

Father of mercy, King of all kings, Even in darkness I will sing, I will sing  
'Cause I've been set free- running out of the grave  
Set free- all my sin washed away  
Set free- breaking out of the chains and I'm alive!

Oh, my soul, lift up the name of the One who saves  
He reigns forever

Oh, my soul, lift up Your praise, I will rise and bless the Lord  
Oh my soul, oh my soul  
Oh my soul, oh my soul

High as the heavens, deep as the sea  
How great Your love That rescued me, rescued me

'Cause I've been set free- running out of the grave  
Set free- all my sin washed away  
Set free- breaking out of the chains and I'm alive!

Oh, my soul, lift up the name of the One who saves  
He reigns forever

Oh, my soul, lift up Your praise, I will rise and bless the Lord  
Oh my soul, oh my soul  
Oh my soul, oh my soul

I will sing your goodness, I will sing your grace  
I will love you all my days, all my days (repeat)

Oh, my soul, lift up the name of the One who saves, He reigns forever  
Oh, my soul, lift up Your praise, I will rise and bless the Lord (repeat)

Oh my soul, oh my soul  
Oh my soul, oh my soul

*Oh My Soul*, Words and Music by David E. Moffitt / Travis Cottrell /  
Jeff Pardo, Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publ.

***Revelation Song***

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.  
Holy, holy is He. Sing a new song  
to Him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.**

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to Him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.**

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
Who was, and is, and is to come.  
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings.  
You are my everything, and I will adore You.**

**Clothed in rainbows of living color,  
Flashes of lighting, rolls of thunder,  
Blessing and honor, strength and  
glory and power be to You, the only wise King.**

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
Who was, and is, and is to come.  
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings.  
You are my everything, and I will adore You.**

**Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,  
at the mention of Your name.  
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water,  
such a marvelous mystery!**

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Who was, and is, and is to come.  
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With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings.  
You are my everything, and I will adore You.**

***I See the Lord***

I see the Lord seated on the throne exalted  
And the train of His robe fills the temple with glory  
And the whole earth is filled  
And the whole earth is filled  
And the whole earth is filled with His glory

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy  
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Holy is the Lord

***For the Glory of Your Name***

God You keep us without failing  
As You watch us from above  
In our comings and our goings  
Sheltered by Your precious love  
In the pouring rain of mercy  
Comes the grace by which we're saved  
For the glory of Your Name For the glory of Your Name

You have touched our lives forever  
Can we be the same again  
May our hearts be ever faithful  
Ever faithful as a friend  
Let us live that we may serve You  
Overflowing with Your praise  
For the glory of Your Name For the glory of Your Name

We behold the man of sorrows  
Hanging there upon a cross  
Where we wounded One so holy  
Yet these wounds are life to us  
For the blood You shed was perfect  
And Your finished work remains  
For the glory of Your Name For the glory of Your Name

Now we lift our eyes to heaven  
See You seated on the throne  
Still rejoicing in Your promise  
This is where our hope is found  
For we know that You are coming  
Every tongue will sing Your fame  
For the glory of Your Name For the glory of Your Name



**252 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross***

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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