



**Reformed Presbyterian Church**

**9:30 am Worship Service**

**July 2, 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, Interim Pastor

Worship Leader: Nick Crowther, Ruling Elder

**PRELUDES**

*Voluntary in D/ J. Alcock*

*God is My Strong Salvation (Hymn 667)/ arr. G. Young*

*God is my strong salvation; what foe have I to fear?*

*In darkness and temptation my light, my help is near.*

◇ A time of quiet preparation

**WORDS OF GREETING**

**WE APPROACH GOD**

IN WORD

Psalm 29:1-4 (ESV)

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

People: **Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name

People: **Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

People: **The God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
People: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

IN PRAYER

**\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 710

*God of Our Fathers*

**\*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

*House of the Lord  
God Be Merciful  
Yet Not I*

**MISSION MOMENT**

Bishop John Mugo

**WELCOME TO ALL**

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

WELCOME TO VISITORS

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 10:19-25 (ESV)

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the  
holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way  
that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his

flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

SERMON

*Encourage One Another*  
*Growing Together series*  
Dr. Tim Witmer

## WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PREPARATION

THE INVITATION

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*I Surrender All*

**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 **468**

*My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*

\*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

Our church is currently searching for a new Pastor. In the meantime, we are pleased to welcome Dr. Tim Witmer as our interim pastor and Moderator of Session. He is serving us part-time.

**Today's speaker: Rev. Dr. Tim Witmer**, Interim Pastor. Pastor Tim grew up in New Holland and served in pastoral ministry in the PCA for 42 years, most recently at St. Stephen Reformed in New Holland. He also served on the faculty at Westminster Seminary for 20 years. He is the author of three books including *The Shepherd Leader*. Tim and Barb live in Terre Hill and have three grown children and seven grandchildren.

## Song Lyrics

### **710 *God of Our Fathers***

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies  
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past,  
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast,  
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide and Stay,  
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,  
Lead us from night to never ending day;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

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### ***House of the Lord***

We worship the God who was  
We worship the God who is  
We worship the God who evermore will be  
He opened the prison doors  
He parted the raging sea  
My God, He holds the victory

There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise  
There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals  
We sing to the God who saves  
We sing to the God who always makes a way  
'Cause He hung up on that cross  
Then He rose up from that grave  
My God's still rolling stones away

There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise  
There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise

We were the beggars  
Now we're royalty  
We were the prisoners  
Now we're running free  
We are forgiven, accepted  
Redeemed by His grace  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise  
We were the beggars  
Now we're royalty  
We were the prisoners

Now we're running free  
We are forgiven, accepted  
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Let the house of the Lord sing praise

There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
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***God Be Merciful***

God be merciful to me  
On Thy grace, I rest my plea  
Plenteous in compassion Thou  
Blot out my transgressions now  
Wash me, make me pure within  
Cleanse, oh, cleanse me from my sin

Broken, humbled to the dust  
By Thy wrath and judgment just  
Let my contrite heart rejoice  
And in gladness hear Thy voice  
From my sins, oh, hide Thy face  
Blot them out in boundless grace

Gracious God, my heart renew  
Make my spirit right and true  
Cast me not away from Thee  
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me  
Thy salvation's joy impart  
Steadfast make my willing heart

*Yet Not I*

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!

*I Surrender All*

All to Jesus I surrender  
All to Him I freely give  
I will ever love and trust Him  
In His presence daily live

I surrender all, I surrender all  
All to Thee my blessed Savior  
I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender  
Humbly at His feet I bow  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken  
Take me, Jesus, take me now,

I surrender all, I surrender all  
All to Thee my blessed Savior  
I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender  
Make me Savior wholly Thine  
Let me feel the Holy Spirit,  
truly know that Thou art mine.

I surrender all, I surrender all  
All to Thee my blessed Savior  
I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Lord, I give myself to Thee;  
Fill me with Thy love and power,  
let Thy blessing fall on me.

I surrender all, I surrender all  
All to Thee my blessed Savior  
I surrender all

**468 *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place***

My faith has found a resting place,  
from guilt my soul is freed;  
I trust the ever-living One,  
His wounds for me shall plead.  
I need no other argument, I need no other plea,  
It is enough that Jesus died, And that he died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves,  
This ends my fear and doubt;  
A sinful soul I come to him,  
He'll never cast me out.  
I need no other argument, I need no other plea,  
It is enough that Jesus died, And that he died for me.

My heart is leaning on the Word,  
The written Word of God,  
Salvation by my Savior's name,  
Salvation thro' His blood.  
I need no other argument, I need no other plea,  
It is enough that Jesus died, And that he died for me.

My great Physician heals the sick,  
The lost he came to save;  
For me his precious blood he shed,  
For me his life he gave.  
I need no other argument, I need no other plea,  
It is enough that Jesus died, And that he died for me.

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