



Kingdom Living

Beatitude Summer Series

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 21, 2024

9:30 am

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: Kevin Tiemann, Ruling Elder

Organist: Courtney Brooke

Choir Director: Rachel Klein

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring/ J. S. Bach
Zaya Fogie and Courtney Brooke, piano

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 130:1-6 (ESV)

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

People: O Lord, hear my voice!

Leader: Let your ears be attentive

People: to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

Leader: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

People: O Lord, who could stand?

Leader: But with you there is forgiveness,

People: that you may be feared.

Leader: I wait for the Lord,

People: my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

Leader: My soul waits for the Lord

People: more than watchmen for the morning,

ALL: more than watchmen for the morning.

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 455

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Leader: God's word says, "You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you." Let us come before him in humility and confess that we often have anxiety because we fail to put our trust in him.

People: Almighty God, you are our anchor in the turbulence of life. You are our hope in times of despair. You are our peace when we are surrounded by trouble. Please forgive us for focusing on our circumstances instead of bringing them to you. Help us to remember your faithfulness and to believe your promises which are "Yes and Amen in Christ Jesus" in whose name we pray. Amen.

Leader: Dear believer, not only does God forgive your sins through Christ, but he promises that he will never leave you or forsake you in your times of trouble. May peace reign in your hearts because you trust in him.

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Creation Sings
He Will Hold Me Fast
How High and How Wide*

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING
WELCOME TO VISITORS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Nathanael Labs

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY
HYMNAL CHOIR

It Is Well with My Soul (Hymn 691)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-12 (ESV)

Leader: Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit,

People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: Blessed are those who mourn,

People: for they shall be comforted.

Leader: Blessed are the meek,

People: for they shall inherit the earth.

Leader: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

People: for they shall be satisfied.

Leader: Blessed are the merciful,

People: for they shall receive mercy.

Leader: Blessed are the pure in heart,

People: for they shall see God.

Leader: Blessed are the peacemakers,

People: for they shall be called sons of God.

Leader: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

People: Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

SERMON

How to Be a Peacemaker

Beatitudes Summer series

Dr. Tim Witmer

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **388**

Savior, Again, to Thy Dear Name We Raise

*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Hymn Lyrics

455 *And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
Amazing Love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies:
who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more.
Amazing love! how can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

He left His Father's throne above,
(so free, so infinite His grace!)
humbled Himself (so great His love!)
and bled for all His chosen race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for,
O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! how can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.
Amazing love! how can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Amazing love! how can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

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Creation Sings

Creation sings the Father's song He calls the sun to wake the dawn
And run the course of day Till evening comes in crimson rays
His fingerprints in flakes of snow His breath upon this spinning globe
He charts the eagle's flight Commands the newborn baby's cry

Hallelujah Let all creation stand and sing
Hallelujah Fill the earth with songs of worship
Tell the wonders of creation's King

Creation gazed upon His face The ageless One in time's embrace
Unveiled the Father's plan Of reconciling God and man
A second Adam walked the earth
Whose blameless life would break the curse
Whose death would set us free To live with Him eternally

Hallelujah Let all creation stand and sing
Hallelujah Fill the earth with songs of worship
Tell the wonders of creation's King

Creation longs for His return When Christ shall reign upon the earth
The bitter wars that rage Are birth pains of a coming age
When He renews the land and sky All heaven will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme The glory of our God and King

Hallelujah Let all creation stand and sing
Hallelujah Fill the earth with songs of worship
Tell the wonders of creation's King

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

How High and How Wide

No eye has seen
And no ear has heard,
And no mind has ever conceived
The glorious things
That you have prepared
For ev'ryone who has believed;
You brought us near and you called us your own,
And made us joint heirs with your Son.

How high and how wide,
How deep and how long,
How sweet and how strong
Is your love;
How lavish your grace,
How faithful your ways,
How great is your love, O Lord?

Objects of mercy,
Who should have known wrath,
We're filled with unspeakable joy,
Riches of wisdom,
Unsearchable wealth,
And the wonder of knowing your voice;
You are our treasure and our great reward,
Our hope and our glorious King.

How high and how wide,
How deep and how long,
How sweet and how strong
Is your love;
How lavish your grace,
How faithful your ways,
How great is your love, O Lord?

388 *Savior, Again to Thy Name We Raise*

Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
We stand to bless Thee ere our worship cease;
Then, lowly kneeling, wait Thy word of peace.

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day.
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.

Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light;
From harm and danger keep Thy children free,
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life;
our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;
then when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.