

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 28, 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:** Josiah Weaver, Ruling Elder

Organist: Courtney Brooke

PRELUDE When I Survey the Wondrous Cross/arr. T. Smith Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing/Sonatina/Clementi/arr. C. Berry Laura Johnson, piano

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD Revelation 15:3-4 (ESV)

<u>Leader</u>: Great and amazing are your deeds,

People: O Lord God the Almighty!

<u>Leader</u>: Just and true are your ways,

People: O King of the nations!

<u>Leader</u>: Who will not fear, O Lord,

People: And glorify your name?

<u>Leader</u>: For you alone are holy. All nations will come and

worship you,

<u>People</u>: For your righteous acts have been revealed.

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 53 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*WE CONFESS OUR FAITH Heidelberg Question and Answer #1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

Worship Songs Great Things

For the Lord Our God Reigns

Reader: Praise be to you, Lord; teach me your decrees. Open my

willing and ready from now on to live for him.

eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

Psalm 119:12, 18 (ESV)

Speak, O Lord

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING WELCOME TO VISITORS

KINGDOM KIDS I Will Follow You

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY Be Thou My Vision/ arr. P. Jones

Barb Witmer, vocals

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:1-12 (ESV)

<u>Leader</u>: 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.

<u>Leader</u>: 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,

<u>People</u>: for they shall be satisfied. Leader: Blessed are the merciful,

People: for they shall receive mercy.

<u>Leader</u>: Blessed are the pure in heart,

People: for they shall see God.

Leader: Blessed are the peacemakers,

<u>People</u>: for they shall be called sons of God.

<u>Leader</u>: 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

A Rewarded Rejection

Beatitudes Summer series
Dr. Tim Witmer

*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

HYMN OF RESPONSE 55
*WORDS OF PEACE
ANNOUNCEMENTS
POSTLUDE

To God Be the Glory

Hymn Lyrics

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.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, Words Tr. By Catherine Winkworth, Music by Stralsund Gesangbuch, arr. in Praxis PietatisMelica ©Public Domain CCLI License # 79597

Great Things

Come let us worship our King Come let us bow at His feet He has done great things See what our Savior has done See how His love overcomes He has done great things He has done great things

Oh, hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave You free every captive and break every chain Oh God, You have done great things We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive Oh Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high Oh God, You have done great things

You've been faithful through every storm You'll be faithful forevermore You have done great things And I know You will do it again For Your promise is "Yes and amen" You will do great things God, You do great things

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Hallelujah God, above it all Hallelujah God, unshakable Hallelujah, You have done great things Hallelujah God, above it all Hallelujah God, unshakable Hallelujah, You have done great things You've done great things

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For the Lord Our God Reigns

Let the earth and heaven rejoice For the Lord our God reigns Every child of God lift your voice For the Lord our God reigns

Jesus Emmanuel
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Hopeless souls redeemed to tell
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Every heart be filled with His light For the Lord our God reigns All the hopeless dance with delight For the Lord our God reigns

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SPEAK, O LORD

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To receive the food of Your Holy Word Take Your truth, plant it deep in us Shape and fashion us in Your likeness That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us, Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of pow'r that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

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55 To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that we may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to ev'ry believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

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