



Reformed Presbyterian Church

9:30 am Worship Service

July 9, 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 Yates

Worship Leader: Chuck Felak, Ruling Elder

PRELUDES

Menuetto/ F. J. Haydn

Christ for the World We Sing (Hymn 447)/ arr. L. Smith

◇ A time of quiet preparation

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Isaiah 40:28-31 (ESV)

Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard?

People: **The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.**

Leader: He does not faint or grow weary;

People: **His understanding is unsearchable.**

Leader: He gives power to the faint

People: **And to him who has no might he increases strength.**

Leader: Even youths shall faint and be weary,

People: **And young men shall fall exhausted;**

Leader: But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

People: **They shall mount up with wings like eagles;**

Leader: They shall run and not be weary;

People: **They shall walk and not faint.**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 115

All Creatures of Our God and King

***WE CONFESS OUR FAITH** Heidelberg Catechism Q. 28

Leader: How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

People: **We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from his love. For all creatures are so completely in God's hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.**

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Christ Our Glory
On Jordan's Stormy Banks
Living Hope*

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 46 (ESV)

SERMON

He Makes Wars to Cease

Dr. Tim Yates

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE 40 *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength*

*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

We Have Heard the Joyful Sound: Jesus Saves! (Hymn 448)

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. Pastor Tim's email is: tim@ephratarpc.com, and his phone number is 610-733-1659.

Today's speaker is Rev. Dr. Tim Yates. Rev. Dr. Tim Yates, Ph.D. is an ordained TE in the PCA and serving with Friends of Chinese Reformed Theological Seminaries in Taiwan www.friendsofcrts.org. Tim is full-time Academic Dean of China Reformed Theological Seminary, teaching in person and online biblical counseling and practical theology courses in Mandarin for 160 Chinese students from all over the world. Tim is author of the totally revised Westminster Foundations: God's Glory as an Integrating Perspective on Reformed Theology, published in both English and Chinese (2023). It is free at www.bethoumyvision.net along with other resources. Barbara is full time as assistant librarian and P.E. teacher at Morrison Academy where Nathan (11th) attends. They have lived in Taipei, Taiwan for 30 years. Trisha will be a freshman at Wheaton College. They have five adult children: Jonie (Bakersfield, CA), Natalie and spouse Doug and three boys Brandt, Colton and newborn son in August 2023; Janine and spouse Silvio, Karen and spouse Brandon all live in Wheaton IL area, while Valerie and spouse Jeff and four kids, Savannah, Garrett, Blake and Evangeline live in Taichung, Taiwan.

Song Lyrics

115 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
“Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heav’n along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light.
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Christ Our Glory

1) Our rest is in heaven; our rest is not here
Then why should we tremble when trials draw near?
Be still and remember Christ carries our pain
He shares in our suffering -through Him hope will reign

Chorus 1

Christ our glory, Christ our hope
Christ our King forevermore
Our Savior's in heaven; He rules from His throne,
And cares for the people He chose as His own

Verse 2

No hours should be wasted on seeking our joy
And placing our hope in what will be destroyed
We look for a city that hands have not raised
We long for a country that sin has not stained

Chorus 2

Christ our glory, Christ our hope
Christ our King forevermore
We look for a city that hands have not raised
We long for a country that sin has not stained

Verse 3

Though trouble and anguish increase all the more
They cannot compare to the glory in store
Come joy or come sorrow, whatever befalls
The light of the Savior will outshine them all

Chorus 3

Christ our glory, Christ our hope, Christ our King forevermore
Christ our glory, Christ our hope, Christ our King forevermore
Christ our glory, Christ our hope, Christ our King forevermore
Come joy or come sorrow, whatever befalls
The light of the Savior will outshine them all

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On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Verse 1

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land
Where my possessions lie

Verse 2

All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day
There God the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away

Chorus

I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land
I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land

Verse 3

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore
Sickness and sorrow pain and death
Are felt and feared no more

Verse 4

When shall I reach that happy place
And be forever blessed
When shall I see my Father's face
And in His bosom rest

Verse 5

And when our tears are wiped away
And every eye can see
The glory of the Lamb displayed
Oh Lord what praise we'll sing

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven And spoke Your name into
the night

Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written Jesus Christ, my liv-
ing hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame

The cross has spoken, I am forgiven The King of kings calls
me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever Jesus Christ, my living
hope

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me

Jesus, Yours is the victory, whoa!

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope Jesus Christ, my living hope
Oh God, You are my living hope

Songwriters: Phil Wickham / Brian Johnson
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40 God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

God is our refuge and our strength, Our ever present aid,
And, therefore, though the earth remove, We will not be afraid;
Though hills amidst the seas be cast,
Though foaming waters roar,
Yea, though the mighty billows shake
The mountains on the shore.

A river flows whose streams make glad The city of our God,
The holy place wherein the Lord Most High has his abode;
Since God is in the midst of her,
Unmoved her walls shall stand,
For God will be her early help, When trouble is at hand.

The nations raged, the kingdoms moved,
But when his voice was heard
The troubled earth was stilled to peace Before his mighty word.
The Lord of Hosts is on our side, Our safety to secure,
The God of Jacob is for us, A refuge strong and sure.

O come, behold what wondrous works Jehovah's hand has wrought;
Come, see what desolation great He on the earth has brought.
To utmost ends of all the earth He causes war to cease;
The weapons of the strong destroyed, He makes abiding peace.

Be still and know that I am God, O'er all exalted high;
The subject nations of the earth My name shall magnify.
The Lord of Hosts is on our side,
Our safety to secure,
The God of Jacob is for us
A refuge strong and sure.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 46 (ESV)

- God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
- 3 though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
- 6 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah
- 8 Come, behold the works of the Lord,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
- 9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.
- 10 “Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”
- 11 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.