

# Growing Together

What the Bible Says about Getting Along



**Reformed Presbyterian Church**

**9:30 am Worship Service**

**June 18, 2023**

**Reformed Presbyterian Church** exists to be a stream of God's refreshing grace for people from all walks of life.

**Today's speaker:** Anthony Martin

Worship Leader: Donn Youndt, Ruling Elder

Janelle Labs, Guest Pianist

**PRELUDES**

*Praise Him! Praise Him!!* arr. T. Cornell  
Janelle Labs, piano

**'WORDS OF GREETING**

**WE APPROACH GOD**

IN WORD

Zechariah 9:9-10 (ESV)

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Leader: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he,

People: **Humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

Leader: And he shall speak peace to the nations;

People: **His rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.**

IN PRAYER

**\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 498

*Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!*

**\*WE CONFESS OUR FAITH**

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 92 & 94

Leader: What is a sacrament?

People: **A sacrament is a holy ordinance instituted by Christ; wherein by sensible signs, Christ and the benefits of the new covenant, are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.**

Leader: What is baptism?

People: **Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

**\*WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*This I Believe (The Creed)*

*How Great is Your Love*

Leader: See what great love the Father has lavished on us,  
that we should be called children of God! And  
that is what we are! I John 3:1 (NIV)

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

**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

*Sweet By and By/* arr. M. Hayes

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:1-4 (NASB)

Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, <sup>2</sup> make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in

spirit, intent on one purpose. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves; <sup>4</sup> do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

SERMON

***Regard One Another as More Important than Yourselves***  
**Growing Together series**  
Anthony Martin

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **455** *And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

\*WORDS OF 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. Pastor Tim's email is: [tim@ephratarpc.com](mailto:tim@ephratarpc.com), and his phone number is 610-733-1659.

Today's speaker: Anthony Martin, a Ruling Elder, completed an internship at RPC in 2022.

## Song Lyrics

### ***498 Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!***

Jesus! What a friend for sinners!  
Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Chorus: Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!  
Let me hide myself in Him.  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,  
He, my strength, my vict'ry wins. (Repeat chorus)

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!  
While the billows o'er me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking,  
He, my comfort, helps my soul. (Repeat chorus)

Jesus! I do now receive Him,  
More than all in Him I find.  
He hath granted me forgiveness,  
I am His, and He is mine. (Repeat chorus)

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***This I Believe (The Creed)***

Our Father everlasting, The all-creating One, God Almighty  
Through your Holy Spirit Conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Savior

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in One

I believe in the resurrection, That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You

Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in One

I believe in the resurrection, That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

I believe in You, I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

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I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in One

I believe in the resurrection, That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus  
I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion, And in Your holy Church

I believe in the resurrection, when Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

***How Great Is Your Love***

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?

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

How deep the father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That he should give his only Son,  
And make a wretch his treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss,  
The father turns his face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen one,  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross,  
My sin upon his shoulders,  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held him there  
Until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast of anything  
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from his reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart,  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

***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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