



**Reformed Presbyterian Church**  
**9:30 am Worship Service**  
**June 4, 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

Worship Leader: Josiah Weaver, Ruling Elder

**PRELUDES**

*Voluntary in D minor/ S. Long*  
*What Wondrous Love is This (Hymn 261)/ arr. G. Young*

**WORDS OF GREETING**

**WE APPROACH GOD**

IN WORD 1 Chronicles 16:23-27 (ESV)

Leader: Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

People: **Tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,

People: **His marvelous works among all the peoples!**

Leader: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

People: **And he is to be feared above all gods.**

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,

People: **But the Lord made the heavens.**

Leader: Splendor and majesty are before him;

People: **Strength and joy are in his place.**

IN PRAYER

**\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 300

*Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power*

**\*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

*Who You Say I Am  
Mighty to Save  
How Great is Our God*

**WELCOME TO ALL**

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

WELCOME TO VISITORS

**WE HONOR OUR GRADUATES**

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

*Like A River Glorious/ G. F. Handel/ J. Mountain/ arr. M. Ham*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:34-35 (ESV)

<sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

SERMON

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

## WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PREPARATION

THE INVITATION

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

**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 **708**

*O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go*

\*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

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (Hymn 384)/ arr. A. Fedak*

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@ephatarpc.com](mailto:tim@ephatarpc.com), and his phone number is 610-733-1659.

**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

### ***300 Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power***

Blessing and honor and glory and power,  
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore  
Give ye to Him who our battle hath won  
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.

Soundeth the heav'n of the heav'ns with His name;  
Ringeth the earth with His glory and fame;  
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flower  
Echo His praises and tell of His power.

Ever ascendeth the song and the joy;  
Ever descendeth the love from on high;  
Blessing and honor and glory and praise,  
This is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;  
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;  
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,  
Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.

***Who You Say I Am***

Who am I that the highest King Would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me, Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, Yes I am  
In my Father's house, There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, Yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me, His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me, Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, Yes I am  
In my Father's house, There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, Yes I am

I am chosen, Not forsaken, I am who You say I am  
You are for me, Not against me, I am who You say I am

(Repeat)

I am who You say I am.

Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, Yes I am  
In my Father's house, There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, Yes I am

I am chosen, Not forsaken, I am who You say I am  
You are for me, Not against me, I am who You say I am

(Repeat)

I am who You say I am.

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I'm a child of God, Yes I am  
In my Father's house, There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, Yes I am

***Mighty to Save***

Everyone needs compassion  
A love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me

Everyone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Saviour  
The hope of nations

*[Chorus:]*

Saviour, he can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of Salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as you find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again

I give my life to follow  
Everything that I believe in  
Now I surrender

*[Chorus]*

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen king Jesus *[2x]*

*[Chorus x2]*

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen king Jesus

## ***How Great Is Our God***

The splendor of the King Clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice  
And trembles at His voice

How great is our God, Sing with me  
How great is our God, And all will see how great  
How great is our God

And age to age He stands, And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End  
The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb  
The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God, Sing with me  
How great is our God, And all will see how great  
How great is our God

Name above all names, Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing, How great is our God

How great is our God, Sing with me  
How great is our God, And all will see how great  
How great is our God

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
For thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Saviour art thou;  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death;  
And praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath;  
And say, when the death-dew lies cold on my brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.



**708 *O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go***

1 O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee.  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
that in thine ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.

2 O Light that follows all my way,  
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee.  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
may brighter, fairer be.

3 O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee.  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
and feel the promise is not vain,  
that morn shall tearless be.

4 O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee.  
I lay in dust, life's glory dead,  
and from the ground there blossoms red,  
life that shall endless be.