



The Judges of Israel

the good, the bad and the ugly

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 16, 2025

9:30 am Worship Service

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

Today's Speaker: Rev. Matt Irvine

Worship Leader: Rusty Rutter, Ruling Elder

Organist: Courtney Brooke

PRELUDE

*Cornet Voluntary/ H. Heron
Jesus Shall Reign (Hymn 441)/ arr. D. Paxton*

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 16:5-8 (ESV)

Leader: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

People: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

Leader: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

People: **I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not
be shaken.**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE **521**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

***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

*Creation Sings
Blessed Be Your Name
Holy Forever*

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

(ages 4–6 years old)

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

WELCOME TO VISITORS

MISSION MOMENT

Rev. Matt Irvine

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People
Dr. David Kieffer

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

His Glory and My Good
Becky High, Aviendha Myra, Jenny Fitch

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 13:1-25 (ESV)

SERMON

The Ultimate & Unexpected Origin Story
The Judges of Israel: The good, the bad, and the ugly (Week 10 of 15)

Rev. Matt Irvine

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **642**

Be Thou My Vision

*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR
(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Ye Servants of God (Hymn 165)/ arr. R. Wilson

Song Lyrics

521 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less, Words by Edward Mote, Music by William B. Bradbury

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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

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed Be Your Name In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed Be Your name

Every blessing You pour out, I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be' Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say Lord, blessed be Your name

God you give and take away Oh you give and take away
My heart will choose to say Lord, blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away God give and take away
My heart will choose to say Lord, blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name, oh

Songwriters: Beth Redman / Matt Redman Blessed Be Your Name lyrics © Capitol Christian Music Group

Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions, All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry, "Holy!" All creation cries, "Holy!"
You are lifted high – Holy, Holy forever
Hear Your people sing, "Holy!" To the King of Kings, "Holy!"
You will always be Holy - Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

And the angels cry, "Holy!" All creation cries, "Holy!"
You are lifted high – Holy, Holy forever
Hear Your people sing, "Holy!"
To the King of Kings, "Holy!"
You will always be Holy - Holy forever

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions, All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all (*repeat*)

And the angels cry, "Holy!" All creation cries, "Holy!"
You are lifted high – Holy, Holy forever
Hear Your people sing, "Holy!"
To the King of Kings, "Holy!"
You will always be Holy - Holy forever
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642 *Be Thou My Vision*

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be Thou my dignity, thou my delight;
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tow'r,
raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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