



## **Reformed Presbyterian Church**

**9:30 am Worship Service**

**March 19, 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. Michael Rogers, Moderator of Session

Worship Leader: Donn Youndt, Ruling Elder

Organist: Courtney Abbott-Fogie

Choir Director: Rachel Klein

### **PRELUDES**

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*/ J. S. Bach

*Processional on "All Things Bright and Beautiful"*/ G. Young

A time of quiet preparation

### **WORDS OF GREETING**

### **WE APPROACH GOD**

IN WORD

Psalm 121 (NIV)

**Leader:** I lift up my eyes to the hills— where does my help come from?

**People:** **My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth**

Leader: He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber;

People: **Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Leader: The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

People: **The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.**

Leader: The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;

People: **The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.**

IN PRAYER

**\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 100

*Holy, Holy, Holy!*

**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

*Lift High the Name of Jesus  
In Christ Alone*

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:3-5 (ESV)  
*Living Hope*

**WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP  
(4 years old to 1<sup>st</sup> grade)  
CONGREGATIONAL GREETING  
WELCOME TO VISITORS

**WE SEEK GOD'S FACE**

Prayers of God's People

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY  
Hymnal Choir *How Precious Is the Book Divine*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 55:8-11, Hebrews 4:12-13 (ESV)  
SERMON *God's Fingerprints Upon His Word*  
Dr. Michael Rogers

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **154**  
*Thou Art the Way*  
\*WORDS OF PEACE  
DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL  
HOUR (4 years through 5th grade)  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
POSTLUDE *Rejoice with a Song/ E. Broughton*

## Song Lyrics

### 100 *Holy, Holy, Holy!*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,  
in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!  
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***Lift High the Name of Jesus***

Lift high the name of Jesus Of Jesus our King  
Make known the power of His grace  
The beauty of His peace  
Remember how His mercy reached  
And we cried out to Him  
He lifted us to solid ground  
To freedom from our sin  
Oh sing my soul And tell all He's done  
'Til the earth and heavens are filled with His glory

Lift high the name of Jesus  
Of Jesus our Lord  
His pow'r in us is greater than  
Is greater than this world  
To share the reason for our hope  
To serve with love and grace  
That all who see Him shine through us  
Might bring the Father praise  
Oh sing my soul And tell all He's done  
'Til the earth and heavens are filled with His glory

Lift high the name of Jesus  
Of Jesus our Light  
No other name on earth can save  
Can raise a soul to life  
He opens up our eyes to see  
The harvest He has grown  
We labor in His fields of grace  
As He leads sinners home  
Oh sing my soul And tell all He's done  
'Til the earth and heavens are filled with His glory

### *In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live  
There in the ground His body lay

Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
this is the pow'r of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

*Stuart Townsend and Keith Getty*

### ***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 living 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

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Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion, Declared the grave has no claim on me

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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!

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

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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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*154 Thou Art the Way*

Thou art the Way: to Thee alone  
From sin and death we flee;  
And he who would the Father seek  
Must seek Him, Lord, by Thee.

Thou art the Truth: Thy Word alone  
True wisdom can impart;  
Thou only canst inform the mind,  
And purify the heart.

Thou art the Life: the rending tomb  
Proclaims Thy conquering arm,  
And those who put their trust in Thee  
Nor death nor hell shall harm.

Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life;  
Grant us that Way to know,  
That Truth to keep, that Life to win,  
Whose joys eternal flow.

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## Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:8-11(ESV)

- <sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.  
<sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
<sup>10</sup> “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Hebrews 4:12-13 (ESV)

- <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

*Our church is currently searching for a new Pastor. In the meantime, our pulpit supply is being provided by guest ministers.*

Today's speaker is Rev. Dr. Michael Rogers. He is retired from 49 years of active ministry and is pastor emeritus for Westminster Presbyterian Church where he served for 25 years. He is author of *What Happens When I Die?* Carol and Michael Rogers are parents of 4 adult children, 16 grandchildren and one great grandchild.