



The Judges of Israel

the good, the bad and the ugly

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 30, 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: Mr. Lincoln Fitch

Worship Leader: Kevin Tiemann, Ruling Elder

Organist: Courtney Brooke

PRELUDE

I Know Whom I Have Believed (Hymn 705)/ arr. L. Smith

Holy God, We Praise Your Name (Hymn 103)/ arr. D. Bish

WORDS OF GREETING

Kevin Tiemann, Ruling Elder

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Genesis 22:15-18 (ESV)

¹⁵ And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶ and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have

done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,¹⁷ I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 44

How Great Thou Art

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

adapted from *The Valley of Vision "Yet I Sin"*

**Unison: Eternal Father,
Thou art good beyond all thought,
But I am vile, wretched, miserable, blind;
My lips are ready to confess,
but my heart is slow to feel,
and my ways reluctant to amend.
I bring my soul to thee;
break it, wound it, bend it, mould it.
Unmask to me sin's deformity,
that I may hate it, abhor it, flee from it.
My faculties have been a weapon of revolt
against thee;
as a rebel I have misused my strength,
and served the foul adversary of thy kingdom.
Give me grace to bewail my insensate folly,
Grant me to know that the way of
transgressors is hard,
that evil paths are wretched paths,
that to depart from thee is to lose all good.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Romans 8:1–2 (ESV)

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*I Stand Amazed
He Will Hold Me Fast
Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)*

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

(ages 4–6 years old)

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

WELCOME TO VISITORS

Donn Youndt, Ruling Elder

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

Hymn of Heaven

Aviendha Myra, vocals

*This song is dedicated to the members of the RPC family whose loss we grieve,
and to remind us of the hope of heaven.*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 16 (ESV)

Alison Carzola, Reader

SERMON

Gideon's Demise

The Judges of Israel: The good, the bad, and the ugly (Week 12 of 15)

Mr. Lincoln Fitch

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **310**

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

(4 years through 5th grade)

*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Wonderful Words of Life (Hymn 697)

Today's speaker: **Lincoln Fitch** serves with DiscipleMakers (a PA based campus ministry) as the Team Leader for the Berks County Team. He works most often with Albright and Alvernia students sharing the gospel and discipling leaders. In addition he is a part-time student at Reformed Theological Seminary. He is married to Jenny and they have four daughters: Hannah (6), Lydia (6), Lillian (3), and Charlotte (1).

SONG LYRICS

44 How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When Thro' the woods, and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow, in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

I Stand Amazed

I stand amazed in the presence Of Jesus the Nazarene

And wonder how He could love me,

A sinner condemned unclean

How marvelous how wonderful, And my song shall ever be

How marvelous how wonderful Is my Saviour's love for me

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own

He bore the burden to Calvary, And suffered and died alone

How marvelous how wonderful, And my song shall ever be

How marvelous how wonderful Is my Saviour's love for me

When with the ransomed in glory, His face I at last shall see

'twill be my joy thro' the ages, To sing of His love for me

How marvelous how wonderful, And my song shall ever be

How marvelous how wonderful Is my Saviour's love for me

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He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast

He will hold me fast He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight When He comes at last

He will hold me fast He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)

Be still, my soul, The Lord is on thy side
Bear patiently, the cross of grief or pain
Leave to thy God, to order and provide
In every change, He faithful will remain
Be still, my soul, thy best thy heavenly friend
Through thorny ways, leads to a joyful end

Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still, my soul, the waves and wind still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below

In You I rest, in You I found my hope
In You I trust, You never let me go
I place my life within Your hands alone
Be still, my soul

Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed, we shall meet at last

In You I rest, in You I found my hope
In You I trust, You never let me go
I place my life within Your hands alone
Be still, my soul
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310 Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains He took His seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n,
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all His foes submit,
And bow to His command, and fall beneath His feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge shall come,
And take His servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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