



## REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 11, 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:** Dr. David Kieffer, Senior Pastor

**Worship Leader:** Jason Rutter, Ruling Elder

**Organist:** Courtney Brooke

### PRELUDE

*Fuga/ A. Scarlatti*  
*When Morning Gilds the Skies/ arr. L. Smith*

### WORDS OF GREETING

### WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD adapted from Psalm 107: 1-2, 17-22 (ESV)

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
whom he has redeemed from trouble

Leader: Some were fools through their sinful ways,  
and because of their iniquities suffered affliction;

**People:** Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.

**Leader:** Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of man!

**People:** And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,  
and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

IN PRAYER

**\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 457 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**\*WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

**Unison:** O God, our Savior, we come before you today as foolish sheep who find it our natural inclination to wander far from you. You have set your love upon us, but we find it hard to trust you and prefer to turn to our own wisdom and understanding. Father, we stray from you every day and turn to our own ways; forgive us for our many sins. Jesus, you are the Great Shepherd, who laid down your life for your beloved, silly, sheep that we might be rescued from our wanderings. Holy Spirit, thank you for holding us fast. Make us humble followers that find safety and delight in walking with you. Amen.

**\*WE ARE ASSURED OF GOD'S GRACE** Isaiah 53:6 (ESV)

**Leader:** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—everyone—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**\*WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Great Things  
Only a Holy God  
When I Look into Your Holiness*

**WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

(ages 4–6 years old)

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

WELCOME TO VISITORS

**WE SEEK GOD’S FACE**

Prayers of God's People

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

*So Will I*  
RPC Worship Team

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 1:1-6 (ESV)

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. <sup>2</sup> The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup> But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup> These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup> and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. <sup>6</sup> Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food.

SERMON

***The Road to Nowhere***  
*There and Back Again: A Family's Tale of Redemption*  
Dr. David Kieffer

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **460** (vss. 1-3)

*Amazing Grace*

\*WORDS OF PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

*Hymn of Joy/ R. Grosvenor*

## SONG LYRICS

### **457 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wand'ring from the fold of God:  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,

bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander— Lord, I feel it—  
prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above.

### ***Great Things***

Come let us worship our King Come let us bow at His feet  
He has done great things  
See what our Savior has done See how His love overcomes  
He has done great things He has done great things

Oh, hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave  
You free every captive and break every chain  
Oh God, You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive  
Oh Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high  
Oh God, You have done great things

You've been faithful through every storm You'll be faithful forevermore  
You have done great things And I know You will do it again  
For Your promise is "Yes and amen"  
You will do great things God, You do great things

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You free every captive and break every chain  
Oh God, You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive  
Oh Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high  
Oh God, You have done great things

Hallelujah God, above it all Hallelujah God, unshakable  
Hallelujah, You have done great things  
Hallelujah God, above it all  
Hallelujah God, unshakable Hallelujah,  
You have done great things  
You've done great things

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You have done great things Oh God, You do great things

### ***Only A Holy God***

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?  
Who else could make every king bow down?  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?  
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises?  
What other splendor outshines the sun?  
What other majesty rules with justice?  
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him, The One and the Only  
Cry out, sing holy, Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire?  
What other power can raise the dead?  
What other name remains undefeated?  
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him, the One and the Only  
Cry out, sing holy, Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God (repeat, interlude)

Who else could rescue me from my failing?  
Who else would offer His only Son?  
Who else invites me to call Him Father?  
Only a Holy God, Only my Holy God

Come and behold Him, the One and the Only  
Cry out, sing holy, Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God (repeat, interlude)

Come and behold Him, The One and the Only  
Cry out, sing holy, Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God

***When I Look into Your Holiness***

When I look into Your holiness  
When I gaze into Your loveliness  
When all things that surround become shadows  
In the light of You

When I've found the joy of reaching Your heart  
When my will becomes enthroned in Your love  
When all things that surround become shadows  
In the light of You

I worship You, I worship You  
The reason I live is to worship You  
I worship You, I worship You  
The reason I live is to worship You

**460 Amazing Grace** (vss. 1-3)

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch; like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.