



## REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 18, 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:** Donn Youndt, Ruling Elder

**Guest Pianist:** Janelle Labs

**Choir Director:** Rachel Klein

### PRELUDE

*More About Jesus Medley/* arr. J. J. Potter  
*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go/* arr. W. Watson

### WORDS OF GREETING

### WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 85:1-3 (ESV)

Leader: Let us worship the God who restores all things. As Psalm 85 declares, "Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger."

IN PRAYER

**\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 689

*Be Still, My Soul*

**\*WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Psalm 85:4-9 (ESV)

Leader: Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us!

People: **Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?**

Leader: Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

People: **Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly. Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.**

**\*WE ARE ASSURED OF GOD'S GRACE** Psalm 85:10-13 (ESV)

Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

**\*WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Christ Our Glory  
This I Believe (The Creed)  
10,000 Reasons*

**WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

(ages 4–6 years old)

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

WELCOME TO VISITORS

**MISSION MOMENT**

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**WE SEEK GOD'S FACE**

Prayers of God's People

## **WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING/CHORAL OFFERTORY

HYMNAL CHOIR

*Come Unto Me Ye Weary* (Hymn 482)

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 1:6-22 (ESV)

<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. <sup>7</sup> So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup> But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup> The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. <sup>10</sup> And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people."

<sup>11</sup> But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands?

<sup>12</sup> Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, <sup>13</sup> would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." <sup>14</sup> Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

<sup>15</sup> And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." <sup>16</sup> But Ruth said,

"Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. <sup>17</sup> Where you die I will die, and there will I be

buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." <sup>18</sup> And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

<sup>19</sup> So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of

them. And the women said, “Is this Naomi?” <sup>20</sup> She said to them, “Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. <sup>21</sup> I went away full, and the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the LORD has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?”

<sup>22</sup> So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

SERMON

***Grace Dawns Slowly But Surely***

*There and Back Again: A Family's Tale of Redemption*

*(Week 2 of 5)*

Dr. David Kieffer

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **164** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

\*WORDS OF PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

## SONG LYRICS

### 689 Be Still, My Soul

1. Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

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

3. Be still, my soul, when dearest friends depart  
And all is darkened in the vale of tears;  
Then shalt you better know His love, His heart,  
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.  
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay  
From His own fulness all He takes away.

4. Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning 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.

### ***Christ Our Glory***

Our rest is in heaven; our rest is not here  
Then why should we tremble when trials draw near?  
Be still and remember Christ carries our pain  
He shares in our suffering -through Him hope will reign

Christ our glory, Christ our hope  
Christ our King forevermore  
Our Savior's in heaven; He rules from His throne,  
And cares for the people He chose as His own

No hours should be wasted on seeking our joy  
And placing our hope in what will be destroyed  
We look for a city that hands have not raised  
We long for a country that sin has not stained

Christ our glory, Christ our hope  
Christ our King forevermore  
We look for a city that hands have not raised  
We long for a country that sin has not stained

Though trouble and anguish increase all the more  
They cannot compare to the glory in store  
Come joy or come sorrow, whatever befalls  
The light of the Savior will outshine them all

Christ our glory, Christ our hope, Christ our King forevermore  
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Come joy or come sorrow, whatever befalls  
The light of the Savior will outshine them all

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***This I Believe***

Our Father everlasting, The all-creating One, God Almighty  
Through your Holy Spirit Conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Savior

I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in One

I believe in the resurrection, That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender, Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high  
I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in One

I believe in the resurrection That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus  
I believe in You, I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

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I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in One

I believe in the resurrection, That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

For I believe in the Name of Jesus, For I believe in the Name of Jesus

I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion, And in Your holy Church

I believe in the resurrection when Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus, For I believe in the Name of Jesus

*This I Believe (The Creed)*, Words and Music by Ben Fielding / Benjamin David Fielding / Matt Crocker / Matthew Philip Crocker

### ***10,000 Reasons***

Bless the Lord, oh my soul  
Oh my soul, Worship his holy name  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul  
I'll worship your holy name

The sun comes up, It's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord, oh my soul  
Oh my soul Worship his holy name  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul  
I'll worship your holy name

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger  
Your name is great and your heart is kind

For all your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord, oh my soul  
Oh my soul, Worship his holy name  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul  
I'll worship your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come

Still, my soul will sing your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forever more

Bless the Lord, oh my soul  
Oh my soul, Worship his holy name  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul  
I'll worship your holy name

Bless the Lord, oh my soul  
Oh my soul, Worship his holy name  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul  
I'll worship your holy name  
Worship your holy name  
Lord, I'll worship your holy name



**164 *O For a Thousand Tongues***

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin,  
He sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and, list'ning to His voice,  
New life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
The humble poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosen'd tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;  
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

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