



REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 25, 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: Josiah Weaver, Ruling Elder

Organist: Courtney Brooke

Choir Director: Rachel Klein

PRELUDE

We Give Thanks
RPC Music Team

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 23: 1-4 (ESV)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 691

It Is Well with My Soul

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN** based on Proverbs 3:5-8, 11-12 (ESV)

Leader: Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

People: **Lord, forgive us for choosing to trust in ourselves instead of you. We confess that we fail to acknowledge you in all our ways and instead choose to lean on our own understanding.**

Leader: Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

People: **Lord, we confess our pride of doing what is wise in our own eyes. Help us to turn from evil and turn toward you for healing and refreshment.**

Leader: My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

People: **Heavenly Father, as you discipline us help us to joyfully yield to you without growing impatient because we know you are not against us. Help us to see that you are treating us as your children whom you love.**

***WE ARE ASSURED OF GOD'S GRACE** Psalm 130: 3-4 (ESV)

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*We Give Thanks
Yes I Will
O Praise the Name*

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

(ages 4–6 years old) *Parents please pick up your child from Children's Worship in Room 207 after the worship service today.*

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

Be Still and Know That I Am God/ D. Lantz III

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 2:1-23 (ESV)

Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. ² And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter." ³ So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech. ⁴ And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, "The Lord be with you!" And they answered, "The Lord bless you." ⁵ Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?" ⁶ And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab." ⁷ She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.' So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest."

⁸ Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now, listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. ⁹ Let your eyes be on the field that they are reaping, and go after them. Have I not charged the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn." ¹⁰ Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?" ¹¹ But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. ¹² The Lord repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose

wings you have come to take refuge!”¹³ Then she said, “I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, though I am not one of your servants.”

¹⁴ And at mealtime Boaz said to her, “Come here and eat some bread and dip your morsel in the wine.” So she sat beside the reapers, and he passed to her roasted grain. And she ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over.¹⁵ When she rose to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, saying, “Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her.”¹⁶ And also pull out some from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean, and do not rebuke her.”

¹⁷ So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.

¹⁸ And she took it up and went into the city. Her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She also brought out and gave her what food she had left over after being satisfied.¹⁹ And her mother-in-law said to her, “Where did you glean today? And where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you.” So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, “The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz.”

²⁰ And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, “May he be blessed by the Lord, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!” Naomi also said to her, “The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers.”²¹ And Ruth the Moabite said, “Besides, he said to me, ‘You shall keep close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest.’”²² And Naomi said to Ruth, her daughter-in-law, “It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, lest in another field you be assaulted.”²³ So she kept close to the young women of Boaz, gleaning until the end of the barley and wheat harvests. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

SERMON

Finding Refuge from the Storm

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

(Week 3 of 5)

Dr. David Kieffer

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **53** (vss. 1-3)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Festal March/ G. F. Handel

SONG LYRICS

691 *It Is Well with My Soul*

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul.
It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!—
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

O Lord, haste the day
when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound,
and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so,” it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

We Give Thanks

Once in the wilderness of our sin
We wandered lost and without hope
Into our desert waste God in grace
Came to restore and bring us home
Let the redeemed of God rise up and sing

We give thanks O God for Your steadfast love
We give thanks O God for You are good
Lord You are good we give thanks

Through every pain and trial You provide
Light in the dark of our distress
Lifting us from on high when we cry
Turning our grief to gratefulness
Let the redeemed of God rise up and sing

We give thanks O God for Your steadfast love
We give thanks O God for You are good
Lord You are good
We give thanks O God for Your steadfast love
We give thanks O God for You are good
Lord You are good we give thanks

You take the darkness and make it as light
Hearts that were dead in sin You raise to life
You take a barren place and make it a spring
Let the redeemed of God rise up and sing
Let the redeemed of God rise up and sing

We give thanks O God for Your steadfast love
We give thanks O God for You are good
Lord You are good
We give thanks O God for Your steadfast love
We give thanks O God for You are good
Lord You are good we give thanks

Yes I Will

I count on one thing
The same God that never fails Will not fail me now
You won't fail me now In the waiting
The same God who's never late Is working all things out
You're working all things out

Yes I will lift You high In the lowest valley
Yes I will bless Your name Yes I will sing for joy
When my heart is heavy All my days yes I will

I count on one thing
The same God that never fails Will not fail me now
You won't fail me now In the waiting
The same God who's never late Is working all things out
You're working all things out

For all my days yes I will

I choose to praise To glorify glorify
The name of all names That nothing can stand against

Yes I will lift You high In the lowest valley
Yes I will bless Your name Yes I will sing for joy
When my heart is heavy All my days yes I will
For all my days -Yes I will

O Praise the Name (Anastasis)

I cast my mind to Calvary Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet My
Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise

53 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (vss. 1-3)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty The King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wonderfully reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings, Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do
If with His love He befriend thee!