



The Judges of Israel

the good, the bad and the ugly

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 4, 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

Organist: Courtney Brooke

PRELUDE

Lily of the Valley/ arr. K. Varner

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Lamentations 19:15-18 (ESV)

Leader: You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.

People: **You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.**

Leader: You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him.

People: **You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE **485** (verses 4-6)

O Thou That Hear'st When Sinners Cry

***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 res-
urrection of the body, and the life ever-
lasting. Amen**

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

Lift High the Name of Jesus

Soli Deo Gloria

Lord, I Need You

WELCOME TO ALL

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

How Deep the Father's Love for Us
Carson and Faith Snavelly

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 20:8-21:25 (ESV)
Jim Harris, reader

SERMON

Israel's Self-Destruction
The Judges of Israel: The good, the bad, and the ugly (Week 15 of 15)
Dr. David Kieffer

WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PREPARATION

THE INVITATION

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

In Christ Alone

On odd numbered months we go forward,
on even numbered months we remain seated for communion.

Please Note: Both wine and juice are offered.

Clear cups in the outer rim of the communion tray contain grape juice.

All other (pink) cups contain wine.

Please Note: An elder is available in the rear of the sanctuary during communion to pray with you regarding any needs or issues in your life.

WE REMEMBER THOSE IN NEED

THE LOVE OFFERING/CLOSING HYMN **500** *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

*WORDS OF PEACE

Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)

*The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine
upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Sing to the Lord/ S. Landon

SONG LYRICS

485 *O Thou That Hear'st When Sinners Cry* (vss. 4-6)

4 A broken heart, my God, my King,
is all the sacrifice I bring;
the God of grace will ne'er despise
a broken heart for sacrifice.

5 My soul lies humbled in the dust,
and owns thy dreadful sentence just:
look down, O Lord, with pitying eye,
and save the soul condemned to die.

6 Then will I teach the world thy ways;
sinners shall learn thy sovereign grace;
I'll lead them to my Savior's blood,
and they shall praise a pard'ning God.

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

Soli Deo Gloria

Let the mountain maker come and take His place
Let the ocean in our hearts be still and wait
For the coming of our King, For the wonders that He brings
Let His majesty shine, And be lifted on high

When You move, there's nothing left to do
but stand in awe and wonder, You're like no other
When You speak, all power is released
We stand in awe and wonder, There is no other

Glory to our God alone, Soli Deo gloria
You'll reign forever on Your throne, Soli Deo gloria

You're the champion and confidence of earth
In Your presence, we're reminded of our worth

We've been chosen by our King, See the wonders that He brings
Let His majesty shine, And be lifted on high

When You move, there's nothing left to do
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Lord I Need You

Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

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

500 *Rock of Ages*

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.