



**Reformed Presbyterian Church**  
**9:30 am Worship Service**  
**May 7, 2023**

**Reformed Presbyterian Church** exists to be a stream of God's refreshing grace for people from all walks of life.

**Today's speaker:** Dr. Tim Witmer, Interim Pastor  
Worship Leader: Chuck Felak, Elder  
Organist: Courtney Abbott-Fogie  
Choir Director: Rachel Klein

**PRELUDES**

◇ A time of quiet preparation      *Air/ G. F. Handel*  
*The Lily of the Valley/ arr. K. Varner*

**WORDS OF GREETING**

**WE APPROACH GOD**

IN WORD

Psalm 130:1-6 (ESV)

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

People: **O Lord, hear my voice!**

Leader: Let your ears be attentive

People: **To the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

Leader: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

People: **O Lord, who could stand?**

Leader: But with you there is forgiveness,

**People: That you may be feared.**

Leader: I wait for the Lord,

**People: My soul waits, and in his word I hope;**

Leader: My soul waits for the Lord

**People: More than watchmen for the morning,**

**All: More than watchmen for the morning.**

IN PRAYER

**\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 110

*Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah*

**\*WE CONFESS OUR FAITH**

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 Fa-  
ther 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

*Blessed Be Your Name*

*Your Grace is Enough*

Leader: For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel,  
“In returning and rest you shall be saved; in  
quietness and in trust shall be your strength.”  
Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you,  
and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to

you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him. For a people shall dwell in Zion, in Jerusalem; you shall weep no more.

Isaiah 30:15, 18 (ESV)  
*Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting*

## **WELCOME TO ALL**

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING  
WELCOME TO VISITORS

## **WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

*Sweet Hour of Prayer/* arr. D. Andrews

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 10 (ESV)

SERMON

*Rebuilding for His Glory...with Repentance (2)*

Dr. Tim Witmer

## **WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

PREPARATION

THE INVITATION

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*Beneath the Cross*

***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 *Before the Throne of God*

\*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

## Song Lyrics

### *110 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah*

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, From the heavens praise His name;  
Praise Jehovah in the highest, All His angels praise proclaim.  
All His hosts together praise Him,  
Sun, and moon, and stars on high;  
Praise Him, O ye heav'n of heavens, And ye floods above the sky.

Let them praises give Jehovah, For His name alone is high,  
And His glory is exalted, And His glory is exalted,  
And His glory is exalted, Far above the earth and sky.

Let them praises give Jehovah,  
They were made at His command,  
Them forever He established; His decree shall ever stand.  
From the earth, oh, praise Jehovah, All you seas, you monsters all,  
Fire, and hail, and snow, and vapors,  
Stormy winds that hear His call.

Let them praises give Jehovah, For His name alone is high,  
And His glory is exalted, And His glory is exalted,  
And His glory is exalted, Far above the earth and sky.

All you fruitful trees and cedars, All you hills and mountains high,  
Creeping things, and beasts, and cattle,  
Birds that in the heavens fly.  
Kings of earth, and all you people, Princes great, earth's judges all,  
Praise His name, young men and maidens,  
Aged men and children small.

Let them praises give Jehovah, For His name alone is high,  
And His glory is exalted, And His glory is exalted,  
And His glory is exalted, Far above the earth and sky.

***Blessed Be Your Name***

Blessed Be Your Name In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed Be Your name

Every blessing You pour out, I'll Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's 'all as it should be' Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away, You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say Lord, blessed be Your name

God you give and take away Oh you give and take away  
My heart will choose to say Lord, blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away God give and take away  
My heart will choose to say Lord, blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name,  
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### ***Your Grace Is Enough***

Great is Your faithfulness O God  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart

(So) remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along

(So) remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

Your grace is enough  
Heaven reaches out to us  
Your grace is enough for me

Your grace is enough  
I'm covered in Your love  
Your grace is enough for me for me

*Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting*

Jesus, I am resting, resting In the joy of what Thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness Of Thy loving heart.  
Thou hast bid me gaze upon thee, As Thy beauty fills my soul,  
For by Thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole.  
Jesus, I am resting, resting In the joy of what Thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness Of Thy loving heart.

O how great Thy lovingkindness, Vaster, broader than the sea!  
O how marvelous Thy goodness Lavished all on me!  
Yes, I rest in thee, Beloved, Know what wealth of grace is Thine,  
Know Thy certainty of promise And have made it mine.  
Jesus, I am resting, resting In the joy of what Thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness Of Thy loving heart. Amen.

Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus, I behold thee as Thou art,  
And Thy love, so pure, so changeless, Satisfies my heart;  
Satisfies its deepest longings, Meets, supplies its every need,  
Compasseth me round with blessings: Thine is love indeed.  
Jesus, I am resting, resting In the joy of what Thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness Of Thy loving heart.

Ever lift Thy face upon me As I work and wait for thee;  
Resting 'neath Thy smile Lord Jesus, Earth's dark shadows flee.  
Brightness of my Father's glory, Sunshine of my Father's face,  
Keep me ever trusting, resting, Fill me with Thy grace.  
Jesus, I am resting, resting In the joy of what Thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness Of Thy loving heart.

***Beneath the Cross***

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I find a place to stand  
And wonder at such mercy  
That calls me as I am  
For hands that should discard me  
Hold wounds which tell me, "Come"  
Beneath the cross of Jesus  
My unworthy soul is won

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
His family is my own  
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams  
Now one through grace alone  
How could I now dishonor  
The ones that You have loved?  
Beneath the cross of Jesus  
See the children called by God

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
The path before the crown  
We follow in His footsteps  
Where promised hope is found  
How great the joy before us  
To be His perfect bride  
Beneath the cross of Jesus  
We will gladly live our lives

*Before the Throne of God*

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong and perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there,  
Who made an end to all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The Risen Lamb,  
My perfect, spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace!

One with Himself I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased with His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 10 (ESV)

10 “On the seals are the names of Nehemiah the governor, the son of Hacaliah, Zedekiah, <sup>2</sup> Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah, <sup>3</sup> Pashhur, Amariah, Malchijah, <sup>4</sup> Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch, <sup>5</sup> Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah, <sup>6</sup> Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch, <sup>7</sup> Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin, <sup>8</sup> Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah; these are the priests. <sup>9</sup> And the Levites: Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel; <sup>10</sup> and their brothers, Shebaniah, Hodiah, Kelita, Pelaiiah, Hanan, <sup>11</sup> Mica, Rehob, Hashabiah, <sup>12</sup> Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah, <sup>13</sup> Hodiah, Bani, Beninu. <sup>14</sup> The chiefs of the people: Parosh, Pahath-moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani, <sup>15</sup> Bunni, Azgad, Bebai, <sup>16</sup> Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin, <sup>17</sup> Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur, <sup>18</sup> Hodiah, Hashum, Bezai, <sup>19</sup> Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai, <sup>20</sup> Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir, <sup>21</sup> Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua, <sup>22</sup> Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah, <sup>23</sup> Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub, <sup>24</sup> Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek, <sup>25</sup> Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah, <sup>26</sup> Ahiah, Hanan, Anan, <sup>27</sup> Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

<sup>28</sup> “The rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the temple servants, and all who have separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the Law of God, their wives, their sons, their daughters, all who have knowledge and understanding, <sup>29</sup> join with their brothers, their nobles, and enter into a curse and an oath to walk in God's Law that was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord and his rules and his statutes. <sup>30</sup> We will not give our daughters to the peoples of the land or take their daughters for our sons. <sup>31</sup> And if the peoples of the land bring in goods or any grain on the Sabbath day to sell, we will not buy from them on the Sabbath or on a holy day. And we will forego the crops of the seventh year and the exaction of every debt.

<sup>32</sup> “We also take on ourselves the obligation to give yearly a third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God: <sup>33</sup> for the showbread, the regular grain offering, the regular burnt offering, the Sabbaths, the new moons, the appointed feasts, the holy things, and the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God. <sup>34</sup> We, the priests, the Levites, and the people, have likewise cast lots for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our God, according to our fathers' houses, at times appointed, year by year, to burn on the altar of the LORD our God, as it is written in the Law. <sup>35</sup> We obligate ourselves to bring the firstfruits of our ground and the firstfruits of all fruit of every tree, year by year, to the house of the

LORD; <sup>36</sup> also to bring to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in the house of our God, the firstborn of our sons and of our cattle, as it is written in the Law, and the firstborn of our herds and of our flocks; <sup>37</sup> and to bring the first of our dough, and our contributions, the fruit of every tree, the wine and the oil, to the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and to bring to the Levites the tithes from our ground, for it is the Levites who collect the tithes in all our towns where we labor. <sup>38</sup> And the priest, the son of Aaron, shall be with the Levites when the Levites receive the tithes. And the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes to the house of our God, to the chambers of the storehouse. <sup>39</sup> For the people of Israel and the sons of Levi shall bring the contribution of grain, wine, and oil to the chambers, where the vessels of the sanctuary are, as well as the priests who minister, and the gatekeepers and the singers. We will not neglect the house of our