



REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
November 23, 2025
9:30 am Worship Service

Multiplying disciples one life at a time.

Today's Speaker: Dr. David Kieffer, Senior Pastor

Worship Leader: Nick Crowther, Ruling Elder

Organist: Courtney Brooke

Choir Director: Rachel Klein

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God (Hymn 98)/ arr. M. Kellner

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 37:1-4 (ESV)

Leader: Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not
envious of wrongdoers! For they will soon fade
like the grass and wither like the green herb. Trust
in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and
befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE **345** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

***WE CONFESS OUR FAITH**

Leader: Which is the Tenth Commandment?

People: The tenth commandment is, you shall not covet your neighbor's house, nor your neighbor's spouse...nor anything that is your neighbor's.

Leader: What is required in the tenth commandment?

People: The tenth commandment requires full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbor, and all that is his.

Leader: What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?

People: The tenth commandment forbids all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbor, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is our neighbors.

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Unison: Mighty God, you bless us in more ways that we can possibly count. Instead of living with gratitude, we succumb to godless ambition and demand to be first. We rob ourselves of joy when we envy others. Instead of rejoicing with others when you bless them, we grieve and complain. Forgive us for envying our neighbors and help us to delight ourselves in you. Holy Spirit, show us how Jesus is our all in all that we can know the secret of contentment. Amen.

***WE REST IN GOD'S PROMISES**

Psalm 37:7 (ESV)

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Hosanna (Praise is Rising)
We Give Thanks (Psalm 107)*

Reader: If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and
believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,
you will be saved. Romans 10:9 (ESV)

This I Believe (The Creed)

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/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

Sing to the Lord of Harvest/ arr. H. Willan

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:32-52 (ESV)

³² And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³ saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles.

³⁴ And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

³⁵ And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

³⁶ And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷ And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸ Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹ And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹ And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴² And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must

be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

⁴⁶ And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸ And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹ And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” ⁵⁰ And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” ⁵² And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

SERMON

Jesus’ Crucial Question: What Do You Really Want?

The Gospel of Mark series

Dr. David Kieffer

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **644**

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

HOURL (4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Enter His Courts with Praise/ A. Mason

Song Lyrics

345 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

Glorious things of Thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken,
formed Thee for His own abode.
on the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake Thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all Thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply Thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
who can faint while such a river ever flows
their thirst to assuage?
grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near.
thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which He gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Thy name:
fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken, words by John Newton, music by Franz Joseph Haydn © Public Domain

Hosanna, Praise Is Rising

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, we turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You, we long for You
'Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears are washed away,
washed away

Hosanna, Hosanna You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises Hosanna, Hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new
'Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away

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Hosanna, Hosanna Hosanna, Hosanna

Songwriters: Paul Baloche / Brenton G. Brown

Hosanna lyrics © Capitol Christian Music Group

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

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 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

644 *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

May the mind of Christ, my Savior,
Live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow'r controlling All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph Only through His pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father
Rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing, This is victory.

May His beauty rest upon me,
As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, Seeing only Him.

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