



REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
November 9, 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

The Power and the Glory/ L. Smith
Rejoice, the Lord Is King (Hymn 310)/ arr. F. Ritter

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Genesis 2:18, 21-24 (ESV)

Leader: The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man... And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore, a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 355

We Are God's People

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN** adapted from Malachi 2:13-16

Leader: Judah has profaned the sanctuary of the Lord, which he loves. You cover the Lord's altar with tears, with weeping and groaning because He no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand.

People: **Why does he not?**

Leader: Because the Lord was witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. Did he not make them one in the Spirit in their union?

People: **Yes, and He said the two shall become one flesh. For what was the one God seeking?**

Leader: The Lord was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth. For the Lord God says that the man who does not love his wife, but divorces her, covers his garment with violence. So guard your spirit and do not be faithless.

People: **Forgive us and our nation for holding marriage in low esteem. Have mercy on us and heal the broken families in our church and in our communities with the same redeeming love that Jesus has for His bride. Despite our sin, build godly families among us for your glory! Amen.**

***WE TRUST GOD'S GRACE** Psalm 103:13 (ESV)

As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*I Stand Amazed
Holy Forever
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
Open Our Eyes, Lord*

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 *Comfort, Comfort/* arr. J. Ferguson

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:1-12 (ESV)

And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again. And again, as was his custom, he taught them.

² And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³ He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴ They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." ⁵ And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷ 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹ What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

¹⁰ And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹ And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

SERMON

Jesus Corrects the Record: Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage

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

HOUR (4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Song Lyrics

355 *We Are God's People*

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,
and strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return
The gift of love once given:
O let us share each joy and care,
And live with a zeal that pleases heav'n.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family,
Diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God,
And so shall his work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
We die alone, for on its own
Each member loses fire:
yet joined in one the flame burns on
to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

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I Stand Amazed

I stand amazed in the presence Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me,
A sinner condemned unclean
How marvelous how wonderful, And my song shall ever be
How marvelous how wonderful Is my Saviour's love for me

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary, And suffered and died alone
How marvelous how wonderful, And my song shall ever be
How marvelous how wonderful Is my Saviour's love for me

When with the ransomed in glory, His face I at last shall see
'twill be my joy thro' the ages, To sing of His love for me
How marvelous how wonderful, And my song shall ever be
How marvelous how wonderful Is my Saviour's love for me

Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions, All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry, "Holy!" All creation cries, "Holy!"
You are lifted high – Holy, Holy forever
Hear Your people sing, "Holy!" To the King of Kings, "Holy!"
You will always be Holy - Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

And the angels cry, "Holy!" All creation cries, "Holy!"
You are lifted high – Holy, Holy forever
Hear Your people sing, "Holy!"
To the King of Kings, "Holy!"
You will always be Holy - Holy forever

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions, All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all (*repeat*)

And the angels cry, "Holy!" All creation cries, "Holy!"
You are lifted high – Holy, Holy forever
Hear Your people sing, "Holy!"
To the King of Kings, "Holy!"
You will always be Holy - Holy forever
You will always be Holy - Holy forever

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

Turn your eyes to the hillside
Where justice and mercy embrace
There the Son of God gave His life for us
And our measureless debt was erased

Jesus to You we lift our eyes, Jesus our glory and our prize
We adore You behold You our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You

Turn your eyes to the morning
And see Christ the lion awake
What a glorious dawn fear of death is gone
For we carry His life in our veins

Jesus to You we lift our eyes, Jesus our glory and our prize
We adore You behold You our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You

Turn your eyes to the heavens
Our King will return for His own
Every knee will bow every tongue will shout
All glory to Jesus alone

Jesus to You we lift our eyes, Jesus our glory and our prize
We adore You behold You our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You

Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You

Open Our Eyes, Lord

Open our eyes, Lord,
 We want to see Jesus;
To reach out and touch Him,
 And say that we love Him.

Open our ears, Lord,
 And help us to listen;

Open our eyes, Lord,
 We want to see Jesus.

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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