



**REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**October 12, 2025**  
**9:30 am Worship Service**

Multiplying disciples one life at a time.

**Today's Speaker:** Dr. David Kieffer

**Worship Leader:** Josiah Weaver, Ruling Elder

**Organist:** Courtney Brooke

**PRELUDE**     *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross/* arr. D. Whitman  
Rachel Vos, violin

**WORDS OF GREETING**

**WE APPROACH GOD**

IN WORD

Psalm 19:1-4 (ESV)

**Leader:** The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky  
above proclaims his handiwork.

**People:** **Day to day pours out speech, and night to night  
reveals knowledge.**

**Leader:** There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice  
is not heard.

**People:** **Their voice goes out through all the earth, and  
their words to the end of the world.**

IN PRAYER

**\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 44

*How Great Thou Art*

**\*WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Leader: King David warns, “Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.” (Palm 32:9) King Jesus commends, “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” (Matthew 5:8)

Unison: **O Lord, our God, we are stubborn, blind people who repeatedly and willfully stray away from you. We are slow to believe your word. Lost in the anxiety of our unbelief, we speak words of fear and frustration. In desperation, we act out with anger. Forgive us for focusing on our problems instead of trusting you. As we behold Jesus, help us to clearly see your love, power and wisdom. Holy Spirit, cleanse us of our many sins, deconstruct our doubts, and strengthen our confidence in you. Thank you, yet again, for bearing so patiently with us. Amen.**

**\*WE ARE ASSURED OF GOD’S GRACE** Philip. 4:6-7 (ESV)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**\*WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*May the Peoples Praise You  
Blessed Be Your Name  
Echo Holy*

**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**

P rayers of God's People

## **WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

*This Is Our God*

## **WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:1-26 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup> In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, he called his disciples to him and said to them, <sup>2</sup> “I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. <sup>3</sup> And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away.” <sup>4</sup> And his disciples answered him, “How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?” <sup>5</sup> And he asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.” <sup>6</sup> And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. <sup>7</sup> And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. <sup>8</sup> And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. <sup>9</sup> And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away. <sup>10</sup> And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.

<sup>11</sup> The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, seeking from him a sign from heaven to test him. <sup>12</sup> And he sighed deeply in his spirit and said, “Why does this generation seek a sign? Truly, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation.” <sup>13</sup> And he left them, got into the boat again, and went to the other side.

<sup>14</sup> Now they had forgotten to bring bread, and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. <sup>15</sup> And he cautioned them, saying, “Watch out; beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.” <sup>16</sup> And they began discussing with one another the fact that they had no bread. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet

perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? <sup>18</sup> Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember? <sup>19</sup> When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" They said to him, "Twelve." <sup>20</sup> "And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" And they said to him, "Seven." <sup>21</sup> And he said to them, "Do you not yet understand?"

<sup>22</sup> And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. <sup>23</sup> And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?" <sup>24</sup> And he looked up and said, "I see people, but they look like trees, walking." <sup>25</sup> Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. <sup>26</sup> And he sent him to his home, saying, "Do not even enter the village."

SERMON

***The Struggle to See Clearly***  
The Gospel of Mark series  
Dr. David Kieffer

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

WORDS OF PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

## SONG LYRICS

### 44 How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When Thro' the woods, and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then shall I bow, in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

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***May the Peoples Praise You***

You have called us out of darkest night Into Your glorious light  
That we may sing the wonders of The risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace That broke into our strife  
With boundless love and deepest joy With endless life

May the peoples praise You, Let the nations be glad  
All Your blessing comes That we may praise  
May praise the Name of Jesus

All the earth is Yours and all within Each harvest is Your own  
And from Your hand we give to You To make Christ known

May the seeds of mercy grow in us For those who have not heard  
May songs of praise build lives of grace To spread Your Word

May the peoples praise You, Let the nations be glad  
All Your blessing comes That we may praise  
May praise the Name of Jesus

This our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name  
To every nation, tribe and tongue, Your church proclaims

May the peoples praise You, Let the nations be glad  
All Your blessing comes That we may praise  
May praise the Name of Jesus

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty  
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb Who was slain  
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty  
All creation praise Your glorious Name

May the peoples praise You, Let the nations be glad  
All Your blessing comes That we may praise  
May praise the Name of Jesus

***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, oh

Songwriters: Beth Redman / Matt Redman Blessed Be Your Name lyrics © Capitol Christian  
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### ***Echo Holy***

Gathered at the highest throne, Welcomed by a melody  
an anthem I have always known, a song that's always been in me

All glory and honor, dominion and power to You

A million angels fall face down on the floor  
All to echo, "Holy is the Lord."

My heart can't help but sing with all of heaven roar  
forever echo, "Holy is the Lord."  
forever echo, "Holy is the Lord."

Memorized by every heart, written in eternity  
Every lifted voice a part joining in the symphony

All glory and honor, dominion and power to You  
All wisdom and wonder belong to no other but You

A million angels fall face down on the floor  
All to echo, "Holy is the Lord."

My heart can't help but sing with all of heaven roar  
forever echo, "Holy is the Lord."  
forever echo, "Holy is the Lord."

Standing at the end of time, There before the throne of grace  
Majesty before my eyes, I'll let it take my breath away

A million angels fall face down on the floor  
All to echo, "Holy is the Lord."

My heart can't help but sing with all of heaven roar  
forever echo, "Holy is the Lord."  
forever echo "Holy is the Lord."



***This Is Our God***

Remember those walls that we called sin and shame?  
They were like prisons that we couldn't escape  
But He came, and He died, and He rose, Those walls are rubble now

Remember those giants we called death and grave?  
They were like mountains that stood in our way  
But He came, and He died, and He rose, Those giants are dead now

This is our God, this is who He is- He loves us  
This is our God, this is what He does- He saves us

He bore the cross, beat the grave  
Let Heaven and Earth proclaim: This is our God, King Jesus

Remember that fear that took our breath away?  
Faith so weak that we could barely pray  
But He heard every word, every whisper

Now those altars in the wilderness, Tell the story of His faithfulness  
Never once did He fail, and He never will

This is our God, this is who He is- He loves us  
This is our God, this is what He does- He saves us  
He bore the cross, beat the grave  
Let Heaven and Earth proclaim: This is our God, King Jesus

Who pulled me out of that pit? He did, He did  
Who paid for all of our sin? Nobody but Jesus  
Who pulled me out of that pit? He did, He did  
Who paid for all of our sin? Nobody but Jesus

Who rescued me from that grave? Yahweh, Yahweh  
Who gets the glory and praise? Nobody but Jesus  
Who rescued me from that grave? Yahweh, Yahweh  
Who gets the glory and praise? Nobody but Him

This is our God, this is who He is- He loves us  
This is our God, this is what He does - He saves us

He bore the cross, beat the grave  
Let Heaven and Earth proclaim: This is our God, King Jesus  
He bore the cross, beat the grave, Let Heaven and Earth proclaim:  
This is our God, King Jesus

***He Will Hold Me Fast***

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight  
Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in His holy sight He will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost  
His Promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast

He will hold me fast He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died  
Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast  
Raised with Him to endless life  
He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight When He comes at last

He will hold me fast He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast