



Reformed Presbyterian Church

9:30 am Worship Service

October 15, 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: Phil Weaver, Ruling Elder

Guest Pianist: Janelle Labs

PRELUDE

O Holy Savior/ arr. D. Wyrzten

Amazing Grace/ arr. D. Wyrzten

A time of quiet preparation

Janelle Labs, piano

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 150 (ESV)

Leader: Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary;

People: **Praise him in his mighty heavens.**

Leader: Praise him for his acts of power;

People: **Praise him for his surpassing greatness.**

Leader: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,

People: Praise him with the harp and lyre,

Leader: Praise him with timbrel and dancing,

People: Praise him with the strings and pipe,

Leader: Praise him with the clash of cymbals,

People: Praise him with resounding cymbals.

Leader: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

People: Praise the Lord!

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 116

For the Beauty of the Earth

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Leader: In the Scriptures, our Lord tells us that we should not be anxious or worry. Let us confess our weakness and failure to trust him as we should.

People: Our great and awesome God, we are thankful that you have promised to supply all our needs according your riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Forgive us for failing to believe this and other promises. Thank you for being our great burden bearer. Please strengthen our faith and help us to look to you for all our needs every day. Amen

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

God So Loved

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:15 (NIV)

Let the Peace of God Reign

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

(4 years old to 1st grade)

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

Shall We Gather at the River/ arr. J. J. Potter

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:6-8 (NIV)

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

SERMON

Think About Whatever is True and Noble

What to Think About Instead of Worrying

Dr. Tim Witmer

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE 460

Amazing Grace

*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Hour(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Song Lyrics

116 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light,

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight.

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

4 For each perfect gift of thine, to our race so freely giv'n,
graces human and divine,
flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n..

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the Beauty of the Earth, Words by Francis of Assisi, Tr. By William H. Draper, Music by Geistliche Kirchengesange, Cologne © Public Domain CCLI License # 79597

God So Loved

Come all you weary, Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water, Come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners, Come find His mercy
Come to the table, He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness Find what you're looking for

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with open arms

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world

Praise God, praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him
For the wonders of His love (repeat bridge)

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us-

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Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting-, God so loved the world

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son,
And make a wretch his treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss,
The father turns his face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen one,
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross,
My sin upon his shoulders,
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast of anything
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Let the Peace of God Reign

Father of life, draw me closer, Lord, my heart is set on You;
Let me run the race of time, with Your life enfolding mine,
And let the peace of God, let it reign.

O, Holy Spirit, You're my comfort,
strengthen me, hold my head up high;
And I'll stand upon Your truth, bringing glory unto You,
And let the peace of God, let it reign.

O Lord, I hunger for more of You,
Rise up within me let me know Your truth;
O, Holy Spirit, saturate my soul,

And let the life of God fill me now,
Let Your healing pow'r bring life and make me whole,
And let the peace of God, let it reign.

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460 *Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess within the veil
a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

Amazing Grace, Words by John Newton, Music a traditional American melody, arr. By Edwin O. Excell
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