



Reformed Presbyterian Church

9:30 am Worship Service

October 29, 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: Josiah Weaver, Ruling Elder

Organist: Courtney Abbott-Fogie

Choir director: Rachel Klein

PRELUDE

IN WORD

Psalm 46:1-7 (ESV)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,

People: **A very present help in trouble.**

Leader: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

People: **Though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

Leader: Though its waters roar and foam,

People: **Though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

People: **The holy habitation of the Most High.**

Leader: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

People: **God will help her when morning dawns.**

Leader: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

People: **He utters his voice, the earth melts.**

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us;

People: **The God of Jacob is our fortress.**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 92

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

***WE CONFESS OUR FAITH**

Westminster Larger Catechism Q & A 70, 71

Leader: What is justification?

People: **Justification is an act of God's free grace to sinners, in which he pardons all their sins and accepts and accounts their whole persons as righteous in his sight, not for anything worked into them or done by them, but only because of the perfect obedience and full satisfaction of Christ imputed to them by God, received by faith alone.**

Leader: How is justification an act of God's free grace?

People: **Although Christ, by his obedience and death, made a proper, real, and full satisfaction to God's justice on behalf of those who are justified, yet because God accepts this satisfaction for a payment which he might have demanded of them; provided this payment himself, through his own only Son imputing his righteousness to them; and requires nothing from them for their justification except faith, which is also his gift; therefore their justification is of free grace.**

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

Soli Deo Gloria

Romans 11

Echo Holy

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/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

Prayer/ R. Lau

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 What's Right and Pure

What to Think About Instead of Worrying

Dr. Tim Witmer

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **520** *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*

*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

HOUR (4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Song Lyrics

92 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

Soli Deo Gloria

Let the mountain maker come and take His place
Let the ocean in our hearts be still and wait
For the coming of our King, For the wonders that He brings
Let His majesty shine, And be lifted on high

When You move, there's nothing left to do
but stand in awe and wonder, You're like no other
When You speak, all power is released
We stand in awe and wonder, There is no other

Glory to our God alone, Soli Deo gloria
You'll reign forever on Your throne, Soli Deo gloria

You're the champion and confidence of earth
In Your presence, we're reminded of our worth

We've been chosen by our King, See the wonders that He brings
Let His majesty shine, And be lifted on high

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Romans 11 (Doxology)

Oh, the depth of the riches
of the wisdom and knowledge of God
How unsearchable His judgments
How untraceable His paths

Who knows the mind of our God
and who can bring counsel to Him?
Who has given to God
that God should repay?

For from Him, and through Him
and to Him, is everything

To God be the glory forever and ever
To God be the glory forever, amen

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

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

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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."
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520 *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
my beauty are, my glorious dress;
'midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
with joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in Thy great day,
for who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am,
from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

When from the dust of death I rise
to claim my mansion in the skies,
e'en then this shall be all my plea,
Jesus hath lived, hath died, for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
whose boundless mercy hath for me,
for me a full atonement made,
an everlasting ransom paid.

O let the dead now hear Thy voice;
now bid Thy banished ones rejoice;
their beauty this, their glorious dress,
Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness.

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