



## **REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**October 5, 2025**

**9:30 am Worship Service**

Multipling disciples one life at a time.

**Today's Speaker:** Lance Heckathorn

**Worship Leader:** Jason Rutter, Ruling Elder

**Organist:** Courtney Brooke

**Choir Director:** Rachel Klein

### **PRELUDE**

*Grand Toccata/ G. Peterson*  
*How Majestic is Your Name/ arr. L. Smith*

### **WORDS OF GREETING**

### **WE APPROACH GOD**

IN WORD

Psalm 47:1-2 (ESV)

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with  
loud songs of joy! For the LORD, the Most High,  
is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

IN PRAYER

**\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 4 (vss. 1-4)

*All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

**\*WE CONFESS OUR FAITH** The Apostles' Creed

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

People: **I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord, who was conceived by the  
Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin  
Mary. He suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, died, and was  
buried; he descended into hell<sup>1</sup>.  
The third day he rose again from  
the dead. He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty. From  
there he will come to judge the  
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy  
catholic<sup>2</sup> church, the communion  
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body, and the  
life everlasting. Amen**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Battle Belongs  
Revelation Song  
I See the Lord*

**WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

WELCOME TO VISITORS

**WE SEEK GOD'S FACE**

Prayers of God's People

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING/CHORAL OFFERTORY

*Be Joyful! Be Joyful!!* E. Butler

<sup>1</sup> meaning *the God-forsaken state of Jesus in his suffering, death, and burial.* <sup>2</sup> meaning *universal*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 1:1-2:3a (ESV)

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did God ever say,  
    “You are my Son,  
        today I have begotten you”?

Or again,  
    “I will be to him a father,  
        and he shall be to me a son”?

<sup>6</sup> And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,  
    “Let all God's angels worship him.”

<sup>7</sup> Of the angels he says,  
    “He makes his angels winds,  
        and his ministers a flame of fire.”

<sup>8</sup> But of the Son he says,  
    “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,  
        the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.

<sup>9</sup> You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;  
    therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
        with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

<sup>10</sup> And,  
    “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning,  
        and the heavens are the work of your hands;

<sup>11</sup> they will perish, but you remain;  
    they will all wear out like a garment,

<sup>12</sup> like a robe you will roll them up,  
    like a garment they will be changed.

But you are the same,  
    and your years will have no end.”

<sup>13</sup> And to which of the angels has he ever said,  
    “Sit at my right hand

    until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”?

<sup>14</sup> Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

2 Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. <sup>2</sup> For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, <sup>3</sup> how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?

SERMON

*The Supremacy of the Son*  
Lance Heckathorn

**WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

Dr. David Kieffer

THE INVITATION AND PRAYER

THE BREAD

THE CUP

*How Deep the Father's Love*

On odd numbered months we go forward,  
on even numbered months we remain seated for communion.

***Please Note: Both wine and juice are offered. Clear cups in  
the outer rim of the communion tray contain grape juice.  
All other (pink) cups contain wine.***

**WE REMEMBER THOSE IN NEED**

THE LOVE OFFERING/CLOSING HYMN **642**

*Be Thou My Vision*

\*WORDS OF PEACE

Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)

*The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face  
shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face  
toward you and give you peace.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*POSTLUDE

## SONG LYRICS

### **4 *All Praise to God Who Reigns Above***

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!  
With healing balm my soul He fills, the God who every sorrow stills.  
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made his gracious mercy keepeth;  
By morning dawn or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;  
Within the kingdom of His might, lo, all is just and all is right,--  
To God all praise and glory!

I cried to Him in time of need: Lord God, O, hear my calling!  
For death He gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling.  
For this my thanks shall endless be;  
O, thank Him, thank our God, with me.  
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not His flock, his chosen generation;  
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.  
As with a mother's tender hand he leads His own, His chosen band,  
To God all praise and glory!

Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!  
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!  
All idols under foot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!  
To God all praise and glory!

Then come before His presence now and banish fear and sadness;  
to your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness;  
Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God did all things well.  
To God all praise and glory!

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### ***Battle Belongs***

When all I see is the battle, You see my victory  
When all I see is a mountain, You see a mountain moved  
And as I walk through the shadow Your love surrounds me  
There's nothing to fear now , For I am safe with You

So when I fight,  
I'll fight on my knees with my hands lifted high  
O God, the battle belongs to You  
And every fear I lay at Your feet,  
I'll sing through the night  
O God, the battle belongs to You

And if You are for me, who can be against me?  
For, Jesus, there's nothing impossible for You  
When all I see are the ashes, You see the beauty  
When all I see is a cross, God, You see the empty tomb

So when I fight,  
I'll fight on my knees, with my hands lifted high  
O God, the battle belongs to You,  
And every fear I lay at Your feet  
I'll sing through the night,  
O God, the battle belongs to You

An Almighty Fortress , You go before us,  
Nothing can stand against the power of our God  
You shine in the shadows, You win every battle  
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### ***Revelation Song***

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.  
Holy, holy is He. Sing a new song  
to Him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

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to Him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
Who was, and is, and is to come.  
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings.  
You are my everything, and I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows of living color,  
Flashes of lighting, rolls of thunder,  
Blessing and honor, strength and  
glory and power be to You, the only wise King.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
Who was, and is, and is to come.  
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings.  
You are my everything, and I will adore You.

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,  
at the mention of Your name.  
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water,  
such a marvelous mystery!

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***I See the Lord***

I see the Lord seated on the throne exalted  
And the train of His robe fills the temple with glory  
And the whole earth is filled  
And the whole earth is filled  
And the whole earth is filled with His glory

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***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.

**642 *Be Thou My Vision***

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;  
be Thou my dignity, thou my delight;  
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tow'r,  
raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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