

Reformed Presbyterian Church September 15, 2024 9:30 am Worship Service

Reformed Presbyterian Church exists to be a stream of God's refreshing grace for people from all walks of life.

Today's Speaker: Dr. David Kieffer, Senior Pastor

Worship Leader: Josiah Weaver, Ruling Elder Organist: Courtney Brooke Choir Director: Rachel Klein

PRELUDE

Allegro/ W. Boyce Renew Thy Church (Hymn 352)/ M. Kellner Renew thy church, her ministries restore, both to serve and adore. Make her again as salt throughout the land, and as light from a stand.

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 103:1-5 (ESV)

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

²Bless the LORD, O my soul,

and forget not all his benefits,

³ who forgives all your iniquity,

who heals all your diseases,

- ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit,
 - who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

⁵ who satisfies you with good

so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 347 (vss. 1-4) The Church's One Foundation

*WE CONFESS OUR SIN Leader: Blessed is the one v

Psalm 32:1-7 (ESV)

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

- <u>People</u>: Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- Leader: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- **<u>People</u>:** For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
- Leader: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

<u>People</u>: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

- Leader: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.
- <u>People</u>: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

Cornerstone Beneath the Cross Oh My Soul

PRESENTATION OF CHILDREN'S BIBLES

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/ OFFERTORY HYMNAL CHOIR Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken (Hymn 345)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 2:11-22 (ESV) ¹¹ Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—¹² remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Sermon

The Growth of the Church

(5 of 12 in the series) Ephesians: Seeing The Church Through God's Eyes Dr. David Kieffer

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **342** *Words of Peace DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR (4 years through 5th grade) ANNOUNCEMENTS POSTLUDE

Jesus, With Thy Church Abide (Hymn 348)/ arr. S. Landon

Hymn Lyrics

347 The Church's One Foundation (vss. 1-4)

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word. from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth; One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! her dear Lord to defend, to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end; though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale, against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

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Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly trust in Jesus' name x2

Christ alone, Cornerstone Weak made strong in the Savior's love Through the storm, He is Lord Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil

Christ alone, Cornerstone Weak made strong in the Savior's love Through the storm, He is Lord Lord of all

When He shall come with trumpet sound Oh may I then in Him be found Dressed in His righteousness alone Faultless to stand before the throne

Christ alone, Cornerstone Weak made strong in the Savior's love Through the storm, He is Lord Lord of all x2

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Beneath the Cross

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand And wonder at such mercy That calls me as I am For hands that should discard me Hold wounds which tell me, "Come" Beneath the cross of Jesus My unworthy soul is won

Beneath the cross of Jesus His family is my own Once strangers chasing selfish dreams Now one through grace alone How could I now dishonor The ones that You have loved? Beneath the cross of Jesus See the children called by God

Beneath the cross of Jesus The path before the crown We follow in His footsteps Where promised hope is found How great the joy before us To be His perfect bride Beneath the cross of Jesus We will gladly live our lives

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Oh My Soul

Father of mercy, King of all kings, Even in darkness I will sing, I will sing

'Cause I've been set free- running out of the grave Set free- all my sin washed away Set free- breaking out of the chains and I'm alive!

Oh, my soul, lift up the name of the One who saves He reigns forever

Oh, my soul, lift up Your praise, I will rise and bless the Lord Oh my soul, oh my soul Oh my soul, oh my soul

High as the heavens, deep as the sea How great Your love That rescued me, rescued me

'Cause I've been set free- running out of the grave Set free- all my sin washed away Set free- breaking out of the chains and I'm alive!

Oh, my soul, lift up the name of the One who saves He reigns forever

Oh, my soul, lift up Your praise, I will rise and bless the Lord Oh my soul, oh my soul Oh my soul, oh my soul

I will sing your goodness, I will sing your grace I will love you all my days, all my days (repeat)

Oh, my soul, lift up the name of the One who saves, He reigns forever Oh, my soul, lift up Your praise, I will rise and bless the Lord (repeat)

Oh my soul, oh my soul Oh my soul, oh my soul

Oh My Soul, Words and Music by David E. Moffitt / Travis Cottrell / Jeff Pardo, Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publ.

342 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high, in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody; God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today: with thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy people as they pray; and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain, what they gain from thee forever with the blessed to retain, and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One, One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

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