

Reformed Presbyterian Church

9:30 am Worship Service September 10, 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

Worship Leader: Nick Crowther, Ruling Elder

PRELUDE Sheep May Safely Graze/ J. S. Bach/ arr. W. Fritchie

Rachel Vos, violin; Rachel Klein, flute

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

In Word Isaiah 42:7-10 (ESV)

Leader: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of

him who brings good news,

People: Who publishes peace, who brings good news of

happiness,

<u>Leader</u>: Who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your

God reigns."

<u>People:</u> The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their

voice; together they sing for joy;

<u>Leader</u>: For eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to

Zion.

People: Break forth together into singing, you waste

places of Jerusalem,

Leader: For the LORD has comforted his people; he has

redeemed Jerusalem.

People: The LORD has bared his holy arm

<u>Leader</u>: Before the eyes of all the nations,

People: And all the ends of the earth shall see the

salvation of our God.

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 87 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

*WE CONFESS OUR SIN

<u>Leader</u>: The prophet Isaiah ministered at a time of

judgment upon His people. But there was always the promise of God's faithfulness and forgiveness. Let us echo the words of his prophecy remembering our sins and the price

Jesus paid for our forgiveness.

People: "He was pierced for our transgressions; he

was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." Thank you for bearing the weight of our sin and help us to walk in *your* way for your glory. Amen.

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

House of the Lord Romans 11 (Doxology) Yet Not I

WE RECEIVE NEW MEMBERS

COMMUNICANT NEW MEMBERS

Lydia Crowther, daughter of Nick & Sarah Crowther Hope Horne, daughter of Chris & Tashina Horne Faith Horne, daughter of Chris & Tashina Horne Cecilia Rutter, daughter of Jason & Abby Rutter Solomon Rutter, son of Jason & Abby Rutter

New Members

Sam & Jenifer Dodson (Elliott)

Paul & Angela Henderson

Austin & Nicole High (Abigail, Eliana, Luke, Olivia, Sophia, Thaddeus)

Andrew & Laura Johnson (Jace, Seth)

Julie Kong

Marcus & Jordan Muriithi (Adam, Malkia)

Jim and Lisa Reissig

Carson & Faith Snavely (Carter, Lucas, Micah)

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

The Lord's My Shepherd/ arr. R. Price

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 13:17 (ESV)

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

SERMON

Shepherds and Sheep (2)

Dr. Tim Witmer

*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

Hymn of Response 354 Jesus Christ, Our Sure Foundation *Words of Peace

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Postlude Psalm 19/ B. Marcello

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Song Lyrics

87 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again, And me to walk doth make Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear none ill; For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes; My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me, And in God's house forevermore My dwelling place shall be

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want, Words from Psalm 23, Francis Rous, William Mure, and others, Music by Jessie Seymour Irvine, arr. by T. C. L. Pritchard ©Public domain CCLI License # 79597

House of the Lord

We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
My God, He holds the victory

There's joy in the house of the Lord There's joy in the house of the Lord today And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise

There's joy in the house of the Lord Our God is surely in this place And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

There's joy in the house of the Lord There's joy in the house of the Lord today And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise

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We were the beggars
Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

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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

Yet not I

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer There is no more for heaven now to give He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

Refrain 1

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus For my life is wholly bound to His Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine!" Yet not I, but through Christ in me

Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken For by my side, the Savior, He will stay I labor on in weakness and rejoicing For in my need, His power is displayed

Refrain 2

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me Through the deepest valley He will lead Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me Yet not I cont.

Verse 3

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven The future sure, the price, it has been paid For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon And He was raised to overthrow the grave

Refrain 3

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated Jesus now, and ever, is my plea Oh, the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free!" Yet not I, but through Christ in me

Verse 4

With every breath
I long to follow Jesus
For He has said
that He will bring me home
And day by day
I know He will renew me
Until I stand
with joy before the throne

Refrain 4

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus All the glory evermore to Him When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me! Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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354 Jesus Christ Our Sure Foundation

Jesus Christ, our sure foundation, he whose purpose stays the same, building for himself a nation, giving those he calls his name. Praise we now and evermore, Jesus we adore! God has giv'n to us salvation, Jesus Christ has borne our blame.

Shepherd, Guardian, he who teaches, on whose grace the church depends, tending it through hist'ry's reaches, and will keep it to the end.

Praise we now and evermore, Jesus we adore! He who from the first did seek us, Savior, Ruler, Guide, and Friend.

Jesus, come, your kingdom bringing, how we long to see its sight! Ev'ry saint, Christ's praises singing, stands before th'eternal Light. Praise we now and ever more, Jesus we adore! Exaltation ever ringing, Christ, our King, return in might.

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