



**REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**September 21, 2025**  
**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:** Anthony Martin, Ruling Elder

**Guest Pianist:** Janelle Labs

**PRELUDE**

*Praise Him Praise Him/* arr. T. Cornell

◇ A time of quiet preparation

**WORDS OF GREETING**

**WE APPROACH GOD**

IN WORD

Psalm 78:1-3 (ESV)

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.

IN PRAYER

**\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 40 (vss. 1, 3 & 5)

*God is Our Refuge and Our Strength*

**\*WE CONFESS OUR SIN** based on Psalm 78:5-42 (ESV)

Leader: Heavenly Father, like your people of old, we have refused to walk according to your law. We have forgotten your works and wonders.

People: **You liberated your Israel from slavery so they might worship you. You led them with a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. You divided the sea and let your people pass through it.**

Leader: Yet Israel still grumbled, “Can God spread a table in the wilderness? Can he give bread and provide meat for his people?”

People: **Then you gave them the grain of heaven and rained meat on them like dust. Yet, despite Your wonders, they did not trust you! Are we any different? Like them, we test you, grumble against you, and accuse you of not caring about us.**

Leader: When you disciplined Israel, they repented and sought You earnestly. They remembered that You (the Most-High God) were their rock and redeemer!

People: **Being compassionate, you forgave them. You atoned for their sin and did not destroy them. Oh LORD, in the same way, have mercy on us for our rebellion and doubts and grumbling. Help us to always trust in you.**

**\*GOD ASSURES US OF HIS GRACE** Isaiah 43:1 (ESV)

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.”

**\*WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*God So Loved  
10,000 Reasons  
Yet Not I*

## **WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP  
(ages 4–6 years old)  
CONGREGATIONAL GREETING  
WELCOME TO VISITORS

## **MISSION MOMENT**

Cheryl Erb, Engaging Disability Ministry

## **WE SEEK GOD'S FACE**

Prayers of God's People

## **WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*/ arr. P. Keveren  
Kathleen Golias

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:30-56 (ESV)

<sup>30</sup> The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup> And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. <sup>33</sup> Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup> And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. <sup>36</sup> Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." <sup>37</sup> But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." <sup>39</sup> Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup> So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. <sup>41</sup> And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup> And they all ate and were satisfied. <sup>43</sup> And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. <sup>44</sup> And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

<sup>45</sup> Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>46</sup> And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>47</sup> And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. <sup>48</sup> And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, <sup>49</sup> but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, <sup>50</sup> for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." <sup>51</sup> And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, <sup>52</sup> for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

<sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. <sup>54</sup> And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him <sup>55</sup> and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup> And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

SERMON

***Finding Ultimate Rest in Jesus***  
The Gospel of Mark series  
Dr. David Kieffer

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **75**

*O Father, You Are Sovereign*

WORDS OF PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

## SONG LYRICS

### ***40 God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength (vss. 1. 3 & 5)***

God is our refuge and our strength, Our ever present aid,  
And, therefore, though the earth remove, We will not be afraid;  
Though hills amidst the seas be cast,  
Though foaming waters roar,  
Yea, though the mighty billows shake  
The mountains on the shore.

The nations raged, the kingdoms moved,  
But when his voice was heard  
The troubled earth was stilled to peace Before his mighty word.  
The Lord of Hosts is on our side, Our safety to secure,  
The God of Jacob is for us, A refuge strong and sure.

Be still and know that I am God, O'er all exalted high;  
The subject nations of the earth My name shall magnify.  
The Lord of Hosts is on our side,  
Our safety to secure,  
The God of Jacob is for us  
A refuge strong and sure.

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### ***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-

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

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

### ***10,000 Reasons***

Bless the Lord, oh my soul  
Oh my soul, Worship his holy name  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul  
I'll worship your holy name

The sun comes up, It's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord, oh my soul  
Oh my soul Worship his holy name  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul  
I'll worship your holy name

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger  
Your name is great and your heart is kind

For all your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord, oh my soul  
Oh my soul, Worship his holy name  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul  
I'll worship your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come

Still, my soul will sing your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forever more

Bless the Lord, oh my soul  
Oh my soul, Worship his holy name  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul  
I'll worship your holy name

Bless the Lord, oh my soul  
Oh my soul, Worship his holy name  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul  
I'll worship your holy name  
Worship your holy name  
Lord, I'll worship your holy name

***Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me***

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

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

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  
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

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  
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

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  
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!  
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!



**75 *O Father, You Are Sovereign***

O Father, You are sovereign In all the worlds You made;  
Your mighty Word was spoken, And light and life obeyed.  
Your voice commands the seasons  
And bounds the ocean's shore,  
Sets stars within their courses And stills the tempests' roar.

O Father, You are sovereign In all affairs of man;  
No powers of death or darkness  
Can thwart Your perfect plan.  
All chance and change transcending,  
Supreme in time and space,  
You hold your trusting children Secure in Your embrace.

O Father, You are sovereign The Lord of human pain,  
Transmuting earthly sorrows To gold of heavenly gain,  
All evil overruling, As none but Conqu'ror could,  
Your love pursues its purpose—Our souls' eternal good.

O Father, You are sovereign! We see You dimly now,  
But soon before Your triumph Earth's every knee shall bow.  
With this glad hope before us Our faith springs up anew:  
Our Sovereign Lord and Savior, We trust and worship You!

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