



REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
September 28, 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: Kevin Tiemann, Ruling Elder

Organist: Courtney Brooke

Choir Director: Rachel Klein

PRELUDE *Let All Things Now Living* (Hymn 125)/ arr. L. Hill
Christ for the World We Sing! (Hymn 447)/ arr. L. Smith

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 117 (ESV)

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Praise the Lord!

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 297

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Unison: Merciful Father, before your infinite understanding, all that I am is an open book. My rebel nature, greedy thoughts, proud words and cold devotions are a tragic sum to behold! Teach me by your Word to hate my particular sins more and more, so I will repent and not despair. I place myself in the hands of Jesus, the greatest friend of sinners. Exchange all my guilt for my Savior's perfection, according to your gospel of grace. May Jesus Christ be praised. Amen.

***WE ARE ASSURED OF GOD'S GRACE** 2 Corin. 5:17- 18 (ESV)

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Creation Sings
Who You Say I Am
Living Hope*

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

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

MISSION MOMENT

Emmanuel Mulondo

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

HYMNAL CHOIR *Thy Life Was Given for Me* (Hymn 639)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 7:1-37 (ESV)

Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ² they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴ and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵ And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶ And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;
⁷ in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”

⁸ You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

⁹ And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰ For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ¹¹ But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God)— ¹² then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³ thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

¹⁴ And he called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” ¹⁶ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear. ¹⁷ And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸ And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled? (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰ And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder,

adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

²⁴ And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵ But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophoenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ And he said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸ But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.” ²⁹ And he said to her, “For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰ And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

SERMON

Jesus’ Disruptive Message
The Gospel of Mark series
Dr. David Kieffer

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **347** (vss. 1-4) *The Church’s One Foundation*

WORDS OF PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

SONG LYRICS

297 - All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall,
Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown ... Him, crown Him, Crown him, crown him,
And crown him Lord of all.

Crown Him, ye martyrs of your God Who from His altar call,
Who from His altar call; Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod,
And crown ... Him, crown Him, Crown him, crown him,
And crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed of the fall,
Ye ransomed of the fall; Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown ... Him, crown Him, Crown him, crown him,
And crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,
The wormwood and the gall; Go, spread your trophies at His feet,
And crown ... Him, crown Him, Crown him, crown him,
And crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball,
On this terrestrial ball; To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown ... Him, crown Him, Crown him, crown him,
And crown him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at his feet may fall,
We at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown ... Him, crown Him, Crown him, crown him,
And crown him Lord of all.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!, Words by John Rippon, Music by James Ellor ©Public domain CCLI License# 79597

Creation Sings

Creation sings the Father's song He calls the sun to wake the dawn
And run the course of day Till evening comes in crimson rays
His fingerprints in flakes of snow
His breath upon this spinning globe
He charts the eagle's flight Commands the newborn baby's cry

Hallelujah Let all creation stand and sing
Hallelujah Fill the earth with songs of worship
Tell the wonders of creation's King

Creation gazed upon His face The ageless One in time's embrace
Unveiled the Father's plan Of reconciling God and man
A second Adam walked the earth
Whose blameless life would break the curse
Whose death would set us free To live with Him eternally

Hallelujah Let all creation stand and sing
Hallelujah Fill the earth with songs of worship
Tell the wonders of creation's King

Creation longs for His return When Christ shall reign upon the earth
The bitter wars that rage Are birth pains of a coming age
When He renews the land and sky
All heaven will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme The glory of our God and King

Hallelujah Let all creation stand and sing
Hallelujah Fill the earth with songs of worship
Tell the wonders of creation's King

Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me, Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am
In my Father's house, There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, Yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me, His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me, Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am
In my Father's house, There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, Yes I am

I am chosen, Not forsaken, I am who You say I am
You are for me, Not against me, I am who You say I am

(Repeat)

I am who You say I am.

Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am
In my Father's house, There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, Yes I am

I am chosen, Not forsaken, I am who You say I am
You are for me, Not against me, I am who You say I am

(Repeat)

I am who You say I am.

Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am
In my Father's house, There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, Yes I am

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven And spoke Your name into the night

Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame

The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me

Jesus, Yours is the victory, whoa!

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope Jesus Christ, my living hope
Oh God, You are my living hope

Songwriters: Phil Wickham / Brian Johnson

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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.