



## **Reformed Presbyterian Church**

**9:30 am Worship Service**

**September 3, 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: Josiah Weaver, Ruling Elder

### **PRELUDE**

### **WORDS OF GREETING**

### **WE APPROACH GOD**

IN WORD

Psalm 23 (ESV)

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: **He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.**

Leader: He restores my soul.

People: **He leads me in paths of righteousness for his  
name's sake.**

Leader: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow  
of death,



**WELCOME TO ALL**

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING  
WELCOME TO VISITORS

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING  
SERMON

1 Peter 5:1-4 (ESV)

*Shepherds and Sheep (1)*

Dr. Tim Witmer

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

PREPARATION

THE INVITATION

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

***Please Note:*** An elder is available in the rear of the sanctuary during communion to pray with you regarding any needs or issues in your life.

**WE REMEMBER THOSE IN NEED**

THE LOVE OFFERING/CLOSING HYMN **261**

*What Wondrous Love is This*

\*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

### 57 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.  
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;  
He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid;  
He is blessed whose hope of blessing  
On the Lord his God is stayed.  
Heav'n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;  
He delivers from oppression, righteousness He will maintain.

Food He daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning pris'ner free,  
Raises those bowed down with anguish,  
makes the sightless eye to see.  
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger He befriends,  
helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.  
Over all God reigns forever, through all ages He is King;  
unto Him, your God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

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### ***My Hope Is in You***

I meet with You and my soul sings out  
As Your word throws doubt far away  
I sing to You and my heart cries, "Holy!"  
Hallelujah, Father, You're near

My hope is in You, Lord all the day long  
I won't be shaken by drought or storm  
A peace that passes understanding is my song  
And I sing, My hope is in You, Lord

I wait for You and my soul finds rest  
In my selfishness You show me grace  
I worship You and my heart cries "Glory!"  
Hallelujah, Father, You're here

My hope is in You, Lord all the day long  
I won't be shaken by drought or storm  
A peace that passes understanding is my song  
And I sing, My hope is in You, Lord

I will wait on You, You are my refuge  
I will wait on You, You are my refuge

My hope is in You, Lord all the day long  
I won't be shaken by drought or storm  
My hope is in You, Lord all the day long  
I won't be shaken by drought or storm  
The peace that passes understanding is my song  
And I sing, My hope is in You, Lord  
My hope is in You, Lord  
My hope is in You, Lord

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***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.

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.

***Before the Throne of God Above***

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong and perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there,  
Who made an end to all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The Risen Lamb,  
My perfect, spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace!

One with Himself I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased with His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

## 261 What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on!

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## SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 5:1-4 (ESV)

<sup>5:1</sup> So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: <sup>2</sup> shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; <sup>3</sup> not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup> And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.