



9:30 am Worship Service
March 14, 2021

We are so glad you are worshiping with us this morning!

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

Today's Speaker: Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas, Sr. Pastor;
Worship leader: Rev. Kevin Sheahan, Associate Pastor;
Organist: Courtney Abbott-Fogie

PRELUDE *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* arr. M. Ham

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Micah 7:18-20 (NIV)

Leader: Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.

People: **You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. You will be true to Jacob, and show mercy to Abraham, as you pledged on oath to our fathers in days long ago.**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 34 (vss. 1, 3, 5 & 6)

The God of Abraham Praise

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Psalm 32 (NIV)

Leader: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

People: **Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

Leader: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

People: **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.

People: **I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD”— and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Leader: Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found;

People: **surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him.**

Leader: You are my hiding place;

People: **you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.**

Leader: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.

People: **Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.**

Leader: Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him.

People: **Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!**

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*None Compare
Speak, O Lord*

MISSION MOMENT

Matt Dabiero, RUF Intern at Millersville University

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:12-14 (NIV)

SERMON

What Is Forgiveness?
Colossians: The Sufficiency of Christ
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **498** (vss. 1-3 & 5)

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

SONG LYRICS

34 The God of Abraham Praise (vss. 1, 3, 5 & 6)

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love;
Jehovah, great I AM! by earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name forever blessed.

He by Himself has sworn; I on His oath depend,
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heav'n ascend.
I shall behold His face; I shall His power adore,
And sing the wonders of His grace forevermore.

There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of peace;
On Zion's sacred height His kingdom he maintains,
And glorious with His saints in light forever reigns.

The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost," they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God, and mine! I join the heav'nly lays,
All might and majesty are Thine, and endless praise.

None Compare

For the glory of Your name
Let the earth rejoice in Your fame and Your holiness
Who is like You?
None compare You're the fairest of thousands

The skies will sing of Your works
The clouds will let go and
shower the earth with Your praise
The heavens declare the truth,
The glory, and grace of the Lord

For the glory of Your name
Let the nations gather to gaze at the beauty of
Your righteousness
Life proclaims and the world can't contain it

The skies will sing of Your works
The clouds will let go and
shower the earth with Your praise
The heavens declare the truth,
The glory, and grace of the Lord

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shower the earth with Your praise
The heavens declare the truth,
The glory, and grace of the Lord

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us, Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of pow'r that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

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498 Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

Jesus! What a friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Chorus: Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him.
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my victory wins.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my comfort, helps my soul.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! I do now receive Him,
More than all in Him I find.
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:12-14 (NIV)

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.