

Welcome

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REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



9:30 am Worship Service

June 27, 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: Jason Rutter, Elder
Organist: Courtney Abbott-Fogie

PRELUDES

Trumpet Voluntary/ W. Goodwin
Jesus Shall Reign (Hymn 441)/ arr. D. Paxton

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Ephesians 2:17-22 (NIV)

Leader: Jesus came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

People: **Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.**

Leader: In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

People: **And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE **342** (vss. 1, 3 & 5)

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

Psalm 27 (NIV)

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?

People: **The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of
whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: When evil men advance against me to devour
my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack
me, they will stumble and fall.

People: **Though an army besiege me, my heart will
not fear; though war break out against me,
even then will I be confident.**

Leader: One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek:

People: **That I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life, to gaze upon the
beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his
temple.**

Leader: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe
in his dwelling;

People: **He will hide me in the shelter of his
tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.**

Leader: Then my head will be exalted above the
enemies who surround me;

People: **At his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts
of joy; I will sing and make music to the
LORD.**

Leader: Hear my voice when I call, O LORD; be
merciful to me and answer me.

People: **My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your
face, LORD, I will seek.**

Leader: Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

People: **Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior.**

Leader: Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.

People: **Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.**

Leader: Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.

People: **I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.**

Leader: Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*He Will Hold Me Fast
Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)*

Leader: Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.”

Exodus 14:13-14 (NIV)

Battle Belongs

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 3:18-19 (NIV)

Ephesians 5:21-33 (NIV)

SERMON

*Each for the Other:
A Circle of Other-Centeredness*
Colossians: The Sufficiency of Christ
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **335** *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Joyous Litany/ S. Scott

SONG LYRICS

342 (vss. 1, 3 & 5) *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.

3 To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today:
with thy wonted loving-kindness
hear thy people as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls alway.

5 Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory,
while unending ages run.

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He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)

Be still, my soul, The Lord is on thy side
Bear patiently, the cross of grief or pain
Leave to thy God, to order and provide
In every change, He faithful will remain
Be still, my soul, thy best thy heavenly friend
Through thorny ways, leads to a joyful end

Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still, my soul, the waves and wind still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below

In You I rest, in You I found my hope
In You I trust, You never let me go
I place my life within Your hands alone
Be still, my soul

Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed, we shall meet at last

In You I rest, in You I found my hope
In You I trust, You never let me go
I place my life within Your hands alone
Be still, my soul
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Battle Belongs

When all I see is the battle, You see my victory
When all I see is a mountain, You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now For I am safe with You

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees With my hands lifted high
O God the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
O God the battle belongs to You

And if You are for me, Who can be against me
For Jesus there's nothing Impossible for You
When all I see are the ashes, You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross, God You see the empty tomb

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees With my hands lifted high
O God the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
O God the battle belongs to You

(An) Almighty Fortress You go before us
Nothing can stand against The power of our God
You shine in the shadows
You win every battle
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335 Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

1 I myself would gracious be;
and with words that help and heal
would Thy life in mine reveal;
and with actions bold and meek
would for Christ my Savior speak.

2 Truthful Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would truthful be;
and with wisdom kind and clear
let Thy life in mine appear;
and with actions brotherly
speak my Lord's sincerity.

3 Mighty Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would mighty be;
mighty so as to prevail
where unaided man must fail;
ever by a mighty hope
pressing on and bearing up.

4 Holy Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would holy be;
separate from sin, I would
choose and cherish all things good,
and whatever I can be,
give to Him who gave me Thee!

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:18-19 (NIV)

¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.

Ephesians 5:21-33 (NIV)

²² Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰ for we are members of his body. ³¹ “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.