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### 9:30 am Worship Service March 21, 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. Kevin Sheahan, Associate Pastor; Worship leader: Anthony Martin, RPC Intern and Elder Organist: Courtney Abbott-Fogie

#### **PRELUDE**

Prelude No. 1 from Well-tempered Clavichord/ J. S. Bach In the Garden/ arr. R. House Janelle Labs, pianist

#### WORDS OF GREETING

# WE APPROACH GOD

In Word	Psalm 86:8-13 (ESV)
Leader:	
	O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

#### All the nations you have made shall **People:** come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

Leader: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

#### <u>People</u>: Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

- Leader: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.
- <u>People</u>: For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

IN PRAYER

#### **\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 165

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

#### WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

(from *Westminster Larger Catechism* #194)

- Leader: What do we pray for in the fifth petition, which is: Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors?
- We acknowledge that we are guilty of **People:** original and actual sin, and thereby become debtors to the justice of God. We acknowledge that we can make the least satisfaction for that debt. We pray that God would, through the obedience and satisfaction of Christ, acquit us from the guilt and punishment of sin, accept us in his Beloved, continue his favor and grace to us, pardon our daily failings, and fill us with peace and joy. This we are encouraged to expect, when we have this testimony in ourselves, that we from the heart forgive others their offenses.

#### **\*WE EXALT OUR LORD** Worship Songs

How Great Is Our God Before the Throne

## 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 and Matthew 18:21-35 (ESV)

SERMON *The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant* Colossians: The Sufficiency of Christ Rev. Kevin Sheahan

#### **\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **486** God, Be Merciful to Me \*WORDS OF PEACE ANNOUNCEMENTS POSTLUDE Oh, Be Joyful in the Lord!/ D. Wolford

# SONG LYRICS

#### 165 Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name; the name all victorious of Jesus extol, his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save, and still he is nigh, his presence we have; the great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" Let all cry aloud and honor the Son; the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might; all honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

Ye Servants of God, Words by Charles Wesley; Tune by William Croft. ©Public Domain CCLI License 79597

# How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King Clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice He wraps Himself in light And darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice And trembles at His voice

How great is our God, Sing with me, How great is our God, And all will see how great, How great is our God

And age to age He stands, And time is in His hands Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son The Lion and the Lamb The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God, Sing with me, How great is our God, And all will see how great, How great is our God

Name above all names, Worthy of all praise My heart will sing, How great is our God

How great is our God, Sing with me, How great is our God, And all will see how great, How great is our God

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## **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 of 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 by his blood; My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ my Savior and my God With Christ my Savior and my God.

Before the Throne, Charite Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook © 1997 PDI Worship CCLI#79597

### 486 God, Be Merciful to Me

God, be merciful to me; On thy grace I rest my plea Plenteous in compassion thou, Blot out my transgressions now; Wash me, make me pure within; Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; Grief and guilt my soul oppress. I have sinned against thy grace, And provoked thee to thy face. I confess thy judgement just; Speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within. Thou alone my Savior art, Teach thy wisdom to my heart; Make me pure, thy grace bestow, Wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust By thy wrath and judgment just, Let my contrite heart rejoice, And in gladness hear thy voice; From my sins O hide thy face, Blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, Make my spirit right and true. Cast me not away from thee, Let thy Spirit dwell in me; Thy salvation's joy impart, Steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, And return, O God, to thee Savior all my guilt remove, And my tongue shall sing thy love Touch my silent lips, O Lord, And my mouth shall praise accord.

God, Be Merciful to Me, Words from The Psalter, Psalm 51:1-15, Music by Richard Redhead, ©Public domain CCLI License 79597

# SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:12-14 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Matthew 18:21-35 (ESV)

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"

<sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup> "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.<sup>24</sup> When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.<sup>25</sup> And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made.<sup>26</sup> So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'<sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.<sup>28</sup> But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup> So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup> He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup> And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup> So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."