



9:30 am Worship Service

April 25, 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: Kevin Sheahan, Associate Pastor
Organist: Courtney Abbott-Fogie

PRELUDE

Masterpiece/ J. J. Mouret
Holy, Holy, Holy/ arr. J. Innes
Aviendha Fogie, pianist

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Titus 3:3-7 (NIV)

Leader: At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures.

People: **We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.**

Leader: But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,

People: **He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.**

Leader: He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,

People: **So that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 305

Arise, My Soul, Arise

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Unison: **We confess, our Father, that we do not live up to the family name. We are more ready to resent than to forgive, more ready to manipulate than to serve, more ready to fear than to love, more ready to keep our distance than to welcome, more ready to compete than to help. At the root of this behavior is mistrust. We do not love one another as we should, because we do not believe that you love us as you do. Forgive us our cold unbelief. And make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of your love at the cross. Show us what it cost you to give up your Son that we might become your sons and daughters. We ask this in the name of Jesus our righteousness. Amen.**

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

Soli Deo Gloria

King of Kings

Leader: But I tell you who hear me: Love your

enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Luke 6:27-28, 35b-36 (NIV)

Doxology

MISSION MOMENT

Nyla Martin, Director of Columbia office, Align Life Ministries

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12: 9-10, 12, 14, 17-21 (NIV)

SERMON

Navigating Forgiveness and Love

Colossians: The Sufficiency of Christ

Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **676**

Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment

*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

SONG LYRICS

305 Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise
Shake off your guilty fears
The bleeding Sacrifice
In my behalf appears
Before the throne my Surety stands
Before the throne my Surety stands
My name is written on His hands

He ever lives above
For me to intercede
His all redeeming love
His precious blood to plead
His blood atoned for every race
His blood atoned for every race
And sprinkles now the throne of grace

Five bleeding wounds He bears
Received on Calvary
They pour effectual prayers
They strongly plead for me:
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled;
His pard'ning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child
I can no longer fear;
with confidence I now draw nigh,
with confidence I now draw nigh,
and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

Soli Deo Gloria

Let the mountain maker come and take His place
Let the ocean in our hearts be still and wait
For the coming of our King, For the wonders that He brings
Let His majesty shine, And be lifted on high

When You move, there's nothing left to do
but stand in awe and wonder
You're like no other
When You speak, all power is released
We stand in awe and wonder, There is no other

You're the champion and confidence of earth
In Your presence, we're reminded of our worth

We've been chosen by our King
Feel the wonders that He brings
Let His majesty shine, And be lifted on high

When You move, there's nothing left to do
but stand in awe and wonder, You're like no other

When You speak, all power is released
We stand in awe and wonder, There is no other

Glory to our God alone
Soli Deo gloria
You'll reign forever on Your throne
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When You move, there's nothing left to do
but stand in awe and wonder, You're like no other
When You speak, all power is released
We stand in awe and wonder, There is no other

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father Praise the Son Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory Majesty Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake You died

Praise the Father Praise the Son Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory Majesty Praise forever to the King of Kings

And the morning that You rose All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come To the Father are restored

Praise the Father Praise the Son Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory Majesty Praise forever to the King of Kings

And the Church of Christ was born Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me

Praise the Father Praise the Son Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory Majesty Praise forever to the King of Kings

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Praise God for all that He has done
Praise Him for He has overcome
The grave is beaten, love has won
Praise God our Savior, Christ the Son

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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676 Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment

Day by day and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what he deems best—
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Ev'ry day the Lord himself is near me,
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares he fain would bear and cheer me,
He whose name is Counselor and Pow'r.
The protection of his child and treasure
Is a charge that on himself he laid:
"As your days, your strength shall be in measure"—
This the pledge to me he made.

Help me then in ev'ry tribulation
So to trust your promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation
Offered me within your holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when, toil and trouble meeting,
E'er to take, as from a father's hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
Till I reach the promised land.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12: 9-10, 12, 14, 17-21 (NIV)

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.

¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody.

¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

²⁰ On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.