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A Congregation of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

How we worship: Each church has its own worship style, but worship is more than style. It begins with a heart for God through faith in Christ. It is also a dialogue between God and his people; he speaks, and we respond. Finally, worship is defined by God, not our imaginations. All that we do in worship (e.g. singing, praying, affirming our faith, preaching, etc.) comes from God's word. He promises to meet with us as we praise him in these ways.

Call to worship: God calls his people into his holy and loving presence in worship. As we worship we are blessed with the joy of the Lord. Today he graciously invites all people to worship through faith in Christ.

Prayer of invocation: Invocation means "to call upon." Even as God calls us to worship, we call upon God to fill our hearts with his Spirit to assure us that we belong to him and to help us worship him in Spirit and truth.

WELCOME TO REFORMATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christ-centered · Gospel-driven · Kingdom-focused

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS — (see page 11)

Rev. Zack Keuthan

MOMENT OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP — Deuteronomy 32:3–4

Elder John Gates

For I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe greatness to our God! "The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he." (ESV)

HYMN OF ADORATION — *Holy, Holy, Holy!*

Trinity Hymnal #100

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

LORD'S PRAYER — Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH — Based on Exodus 34:6–7

Elder: Who is the LORD, your God?

People: **“The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.”**

RESPONSE OF PRAISE — *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

Words and Music: Jonas Myron | Matt Redman (vv. 1, 2)

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Chorus:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul;

I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes. (*Chorus*)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.

Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (*Chorus*)

CALL TO RENEWAL — Matthew 11:20-24

Then he began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent. “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you.” (ESV)

Affirmation of our faith:

Believing God’s truth sets us free from the lies of Satan, the world, and our sinful hearts. We affirm our faith in the truth each Sunday in order to worship God, strengthen our faith, and encourage one another.

Worship through singing:

God delights in hearing his people sing. As we sing our faith, we give praise to God and he transforms our hearts so that we are more like His Son.

Call to renewal:

God calls his people to renew their commitment to him as he renews his commitment to us. Through his word, the sin that we hide is exposed, not to shame us, but to lead us to repentance so that we can be forgiven. With grateful hearts, we receive instruction in the way of righteousness.

Confession of sin: Our sin isn't just about breaking rules, it's about hurting our relationship with a loving God who gave up his Son to save us. Grace softens our hard hearts so that we freely confess our sins during a time of silent confession. We also confess our sins together as the people of God have always done in worship.

Words of assurance: God uses his word to convict our conscience of sin, but he also assures us that we are forgiven through faith in Jesus Christ and dearly loved.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Our Father,

Thank you for giving us your beloved Son. Forgive us for the ways we ignore him. Though he is the center of all things, we often make ourselves the center. Though he has the words of eternal life, we often listen to others instead. Though there is salvation in no other name, we often look for other 'saviors.' Lord, forgive us. Help us to find our life in your Son. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Romans 8:32–34

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. (ESV)

HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *Before the Throne of God Above*

Words: Charitie Lees Bancroft and Vikki Cook | Music: Vikki Cook

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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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Zack Keuthan

CHILDREN'S HYMN — *God Be Merciful to Me* (vv. 1, 4)

Words: Richard Redhead | Music: Christopher Miner | Arranged: Joel Littlepage
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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.

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.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

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. Amen.

Children's Sermon:

Please come forward for the children's sermon as we sing the last verse of the hymn. The children's sermon makes the Bible accessible to young children.

Parents: You are welcome to accompany your child to the front. Afterward, children 2-3 years of age may be dismissed to the nursery. Please gather in the narthex, and a deacon will lead you to the nursery.

Doxology: Doxology means "praise." We praise God because of his generosity to us.

Sermon: The Bible teaches us how to know Jesus and experience his saving work. The sermon is for proclaiming Jesus and how we can trust in him for salvation and live for his glory. For those who receive the Bible as the word of God, it is profitable to teach us, rebuke our sins, build us up in his grace, and train us in righteousness.

Sermons available at
www.refpres.org

SERMON — *"Shall Not the Judge Do What Is Just?"*

Rev. Zack Keuthan

Genesis 18:16-33

[16] Then the men set out from there, and they looked down toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to set them on their way. [17] The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, [18] seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? [19] For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him." [20] Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, [21] I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know." [22] So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. [23] Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? [24] Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? [25] Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" [26] And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake." [27] Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. [28] Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." [29] Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." [30] Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." [31] He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." [32] Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." [33] And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place. (ESV)

SERMON OUTLINE

Because God will do what is just, we can trust that he is good.

How will God do what is just?

1. God will hear every cry for justice
2. God will judge the world in righteousness
3. God will show mercy to those in Jesus Christ

ADDITIONAL NOTES

HYMN OF COMMITMENT — *Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder* (vv. 1-3)

Words: John Newton | Music: Laura Taylor | Arranged: Joel Littlepage

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Let us love and sing, and wonder,
Let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame;
He has washed us with his blood,
He has washed us with his blood,
He has washed us with his blood,
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us,
Pitied us when enemies!
Called us by his grace and taught us,
Gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with his blood,
He has washed us with his blood,
He has washed us with his blood,
He presents our souls to God.

Let us wonder, grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is,
Justice smiles and asks no more:
He who washed us with his blood,
He who washed us with his blood,
He who washed us with his blood,
Has secured our way to God.

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — *Glorify Your Name* (v. 2)

Words | Music: Donna Adkins

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Jesus we love You,
We worship and adore You.
Glorify Your name in all the earth.
Glorify Your name,
Glorify Your name,
Glorify Your name in all the earth.

POSTLUDE

Benediction: A benediction is not a prayer, but a pronouncement from God of his blessing and approval. God sends his people out to live in the strength of his blessing upon our lives.

GET CONNECTED

Next Step

NEXT STEP is for those who want to learn more about RPC. We gather on Friday evening, and Saturday morning to talk about our vision, beliefs, and ministries. Participating in NEXT STEP does not require you to become a member of RPC, but may help in making an informed decision about membership. If interested, join us for our next session which will meet in the fall.

Sunday School

Classes for all ages resume in August.

Ways to Serve

If you would like to be a greeter on Sunday mornings, or find out more about being a part of the “pew crew,” contact the church office.

Additional Information/Communication

Please use the form on the next page. Fill it out, tear it off, and place it in the offering plate located in the Narthex.

Did You Know?

There is a sign-up sheet for providing flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. Look on the “REF PRES Bulletin Board,” located in the entry hall of Kirkside, to sign-up.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Donations for The Storehouse 4th of July Challenge will be accepted through next Sunday, July 25. Look for the baskets located in the Narthex.
2. Recommendations for Officer Nominees are due today. Contact the Nomination Committee or the church office.
3. The Ladies Summer Book Club is focusing on Jen Wilkin's book, *In His Image*. Read it on your own this summer, and then join us on Wednesday, August 11, from 6:30–8:30 pm for discussion. God is so much that we are not. Yet, He made us in His image. He calls us to bear that image. The cost of the book is \$9. The deadline to order through the church office is Sunday, August 1. Sign up online, in the Narthex, or email Gail Mitchell at (gailmitchell52@yahoo.com).
4. Next Sunday, July 25, any youth are welcome to join Pastor Zack for hiking and swimming at Hooker Falls. Meet at the church at 2:00 pm for an afternoon hike and swim. If interested or have any questions, contact Pastor Zack.
5. The 2021 Family Bible Conference is July 26-29. This year's theme is Family Worship. Keynote Speakers are Dr. Joel Beeke, President of Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, and Dr. Iain Duguid, professor of Old Testament at Westminster Theological Seminary. The registration fee is \$30/day for adults and \$85 for the whole week. Childcare is available. The cost is \$25/child and a maximum of \$75/family. For more information, visit [www.https://www.arpcem.org/fbc](https://www.arpcem.org/fbc)

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Glen Reid

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