

# Covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Changing People and Places Through the Power of the Gospel*

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## Welcome Guests, Friends & Family!

*As a Reformed church, we are part of a long and enduring tradition that places worship as our highest calling. Therefore, we lean heavily on those who have gone before and see the value of creeds, catechisms, responsive readings, and other forms that are part of our heritage. However, our services are not highly liturgical, following a fixed pattern, nor spontaneous, but seek to follow a liturgical pattern that reenacts the gospel and renews us in God's grace. Rather than focusing on getting God to bless us, it focuses on the blessings, promises, and grace that we already have in Christ. Our basic gospel pattern is: We approach God based on His initiation and invitation, we see our sin and confess it, we are assured of forgiveness, we hear the good news, and we respond in faith and obedience.*

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## REFLECTION | God's people prepare for worship

"It is well to preach as I do, with my lips. But you can *all* preach with your feet and by your lives—and that is the most effective preaching! The preaching of holy lives is living preaching! The most effective ministry from a pulpit is that which is supported by godliness from the pew! God help you to do this!"

– 19<sup>th</sup> century preacher Charles Spurgeon

**PRAISE** | We praise our merciful & gracious God

**The Lord Gathers Us** – *Worship is dialogical, meaning it is a conversation between God and his people. Just as God is the initiator of grace in the Gospel, he continues to graciously summon his people to worship. We come and are graciously blessed and renewed by him through the Gospel.*

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it;  
for he founded it on the seas  
and established it on the waters.  
Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?  
Who may stand in his holy place?  
The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not trust in an idol  
or swear by a false god.  
They will receive blessing from the Lord  
and vindication from God their Savior.  
Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek your face, God of Jacob.  
Lift up your heads, you gates;  
be lifted up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.  
Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord strong and mighty,  
the Lord mighty in battle.  
Lift up your heads, you gates;  
lift them up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.  
Who is he, this King of glory?  
The Lord Almighty –  
he is the King of glory.

- Psalm 24 (NIV)

**PRAYER** | *The first prayer of the service is meant to invoke the presence and favor of the Triune God in the name of Jesus, giving praise, and asking the Holy Spirit to help us put aside all our distractions and worship God in "Spirit and truth."*

**Songs of Praise (below)**

10,000 Reasons  
Behold Our God

# 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

C/V/C/V/C/V/C

## Chorus

A E B/D# C#m A E

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Wor-ship His ho - ly name..

B<sup>sus4</sup> B A C#m A B C#m A B A/E E

— Sing like ne-ver before, O my soul; I'll worship Your ho - ly name..

## Verse

A/E E A E B C#m A E

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing, it's time to sing Your song.

B C#m A E B C#m

— a - gain.. What - ev - er may - pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore - me,

C#m A E B<sup>sus4</sup> B E A/E

let me be sing-ing when the eve - ning comes.

A/E E A E B C#m

2. You're rich in love, and You're slow to an - ger. Your  
3. And on that day, when my strength is fail - ing, the

A E B C#m A E

name is great and Your heart is kind.. For all Your good-ness, I will  
end draws near, and my time has come; — Still, my soul will sing Your

B/D# C#m A E B<sup>sus4</sup> B E A/E

keep on singing; — Ten thousand rea-sons for my heart to find.  
praise un-en-ding — ten thousand years, and then fo - re - ver - more!

# Behold Our God

V/C/V/C/V/C/B/C

## Verse

1. Who has held the o - ceans in His hands? Who has num - bered  
 2. Who has gi - ven coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion  
 3. Who has felt the nails u - pon His hand, bea - ring all the

ev - 'ry grain of sand? Kings and na - tions trem - ble at His voice.  
 an - y of His words? Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
 guilt of sin - ful man? God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave,

All cre - a - tion ri - ses to re - joice.  
 Who can fa - thom all His won - drous deeds?  
 Je - sus, Sa - vior, ri - sen now to reign!

## Chorus

Be - hold our God, Sea - ted on His throne. Come, let us a - dore Him.

Be - hold our King, nothing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore Him!

## Bridge (x4)

You will reign fo - re - ver.  
 Let Your glo - ry fill the earth.

## **RENEWAL |** The Lord forgives his people

**Confessing our Sin** – *Confession is a time when we are truly honest with ourselves and God, and because he knows our every thought, there is no need to pretend. Thus we confess our sin and admit that we're not what we should be, nor what we will be.*

**Father, we come through the finished work of Your Son Jesus, our merciful and faithful high priest, confessing that we rarely acknowledge Him as Lord, and thus disregard the value and power of His suffering that brought our salvation. We confess that we are tantalized by sin, and rather than turn away, we gaze intently. Rather than run, we indulge. Rather than take responsibility, we blame others; our circumstance, and our isolation. Oh gracious Father remind us in our time of weakness that Your Son also suffered temptation and will help us in ours. Forgive our doubt, stubbornness, and independence, and give us grace to trust in You. Amen**

### **Private Confession**

### **Words of Encouragement**

*“For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.”*

– Hebrews 2:17-18

### **We Praise Our Merciful and Gracious God**

See The Destined Day Arise (below)

# See the Destined Day Arise

*“Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but your will, be done.” — Luke 22:42*

## Verse



1. See the des - tined day a - rise! See a wil - ling sac - ri - fice!  
 2. Who but Christ had dared to drain, steeped in gall, the cup of pain,  
 3. Ho - ly Je - sus, grant us grace in that sa - cri - fice to place



Je - sus to re - deem our loss, hangs u - pon the shame - ful cross;  
 And with ten - der bo - dy bear thorns, and nails, and pier - cing spear?  
 All our trust for life re - newed, par - doned sin and pro - mised good.

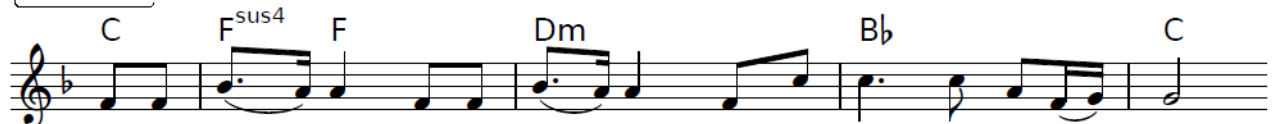


Je - sus, who but You could bear wrath so great and jus - tice fair?  
 Slain for us, the wa - ter flowed, min - gled from Your side with blood;  
 Grant us grace to sing Your praise, 'round Your throne through end - less days,

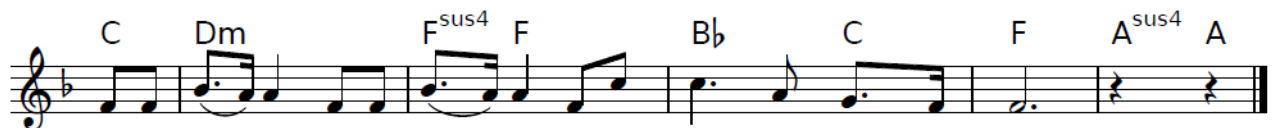


Ev - ry pang and bit - ter throe, fi - ni - shing Your life of woe?  
 Sign to all at - tes - ting eyes of the fi - nished sa - cri - fice.  
 E - ver with the sons of light: “Bles - sing, ho - nor, glo - ry, might!”

## Chorus



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Lamb of God for sin - ners slain!



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus Christ, we praise Your name.

## **PROCLAMATION** | God feeds his people

**Scripture:** Luke 14:15-24

*We believe the Bible is the inerrant word of the true and living God, and our infallible rule for faith and practice.*

**Sermon:** "A Rich Man, A Servant, and One Heaven of a Party" – Dave Lindberg

*The sermon is meant by God's design to be ancient, timeless truth from his Word, explained, expounded, and applied, so that all who are listening will understand it and be changed by it. It is the way in which God speaks to his church. As J.I. Packer has stated, "God has spoken in the Bible and He has not stuttered."*

## **RESPONSE** | We respond with thanksgiving

**We Give** – *Our offering is not simply the way our church "pays the bills;" it is an act of worship where we respond to God's grace and generosity and give back to the Lord His resources as tangible evidence of our love for Him.*

*We are grateful for your ongoing generosity to the church. It is your gifts that sustain our ministry here in Cherry Hill and around the world. Please remember that you can give on line by going to [this link](#). It is a secure and convenient way to continue your financial support.*

**\*We Sing**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (below)





**Benediction** | *Please stand as you are able*

*From the Latin “beneficiary,” meaning “to bless,” this is the pronouncement of God’s blessing as we are sent out into our places of influence.*

**We Go** – *Heeding his commission, we go to our places of influence to rescue other wandering and lost sheep like ourselves*