

# Covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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**August 9, 2020**

## **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

*"Christians are called to an odd paradox: lead others from a God-given position of authority, yet serve their needs above your own. It's tricky because our fallenness tends to push our leadership toward dominance, superiority, or fear-based control—all of which are contrary to humility."* - Courtney Moore

*"The spirit of the steward is born in all people who understand the gospel of free grace. The gospel means that a Christian believer is simul justus et peccator—simultaneously justified and accepted, and yet with sin still operating. We have confidence in God's full acceptance now, and yet we still have a sin nature. This reality is the ultimate spiritual resource for a leader, who must be both a servant and a ruler, both gentle and fearless."* - Timothy Keller

**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.*

Leader: I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God;

**All: I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.**

Leader: My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed.

**All: And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day long, for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to do me hurt.** Psalm 71:22-24

**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)

May The Peoples Praise You  
I Stand Amazed

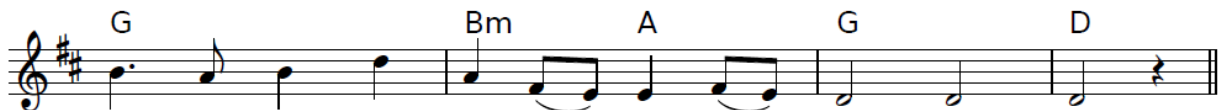
# May the Peoples Praise You

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

## Verse



1. You have called us out of darkest night, in - to Your glo-rious light, that
2. May our ev - 'ry breath re - tell the grace that broke in - to our strife with
3. All the earth is Yours and all wi - thin, each har - vest is Your own, and
4. May the seeds of mer - cy grow in us for those who have not heard, may
5. This our ho - ly priv - 'lege to de - declare Your prai - ses and Your Name to

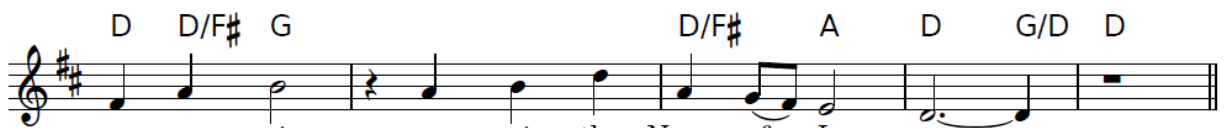


we may sing the won - ders\_ of the\_ ri - sen Christ.  
 boun - dless love and dee - pest\_ joy, with\_ end - less life.  
 from Your hand we give to\_ You, to\_ make Christ known.  
 songs of praise build lives of\_ grace to\_ spread Your Word.  
 ev - 'ry na - tion, tribe, and\_ tongue Your\_ church pro - claim.

## Chorus



May the peo-les praise You, let the na-tions be\_ glad! All Your bles-sing comes that

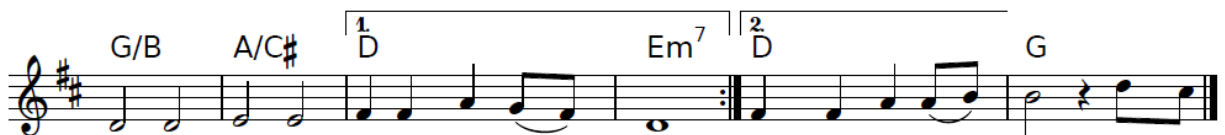


we may praise, may praise the Name of\_ Je - sus.

## Bridge



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, is the Lord Al - migh - ty.  
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, is the Lord Al - migh - ty.



Worthy, wor-thy, is the Lamb who was slain. praise Your glo-rious Name. (May the)  
 All cre - a - tion

# I Stand Amazed

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

## Verse

1. I stand a-mazed in the pre-sence of Je - sus the Na - za - rene,
2. He took my sins and my sor - rows: He made them his ve - ry own.
3. And with the ran-somed in glo - ry, His face I at last shall see,

and won-der how he could love me, a sin-ner, con-demned, un-clean.  
 He bore the bur - den of Cal - va - ry and suffered and died a - lone.  
 'twill be my theme thru the a - ges, to sing of His love for me.

## Chorus

How mar-ve-lous, how won-der-ful! and my song shall e - ver be

How mar-ve-lous, how won-der-ful! is my Sa-vior's love for me. (He)  
 (And)

## **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 confess that we sin against you in thought, word, and deed. We do things we ought not do. We neglect to do the things that we should. Even our good acts are often done with selfish motivations. We use our spheres of influence and positions of authority to manipulate others and seek our own gain. Then, we blame and curse you when things don't go as we planned. Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love. Cleanse us from our sin by the blood of Jesus. Amen.**

### **Private Confession**

#### **Words of Encouragement**

*Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.*

– Micah 7:18-19

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

The Precious Blood (below)

# The Precious Blood

V/C/V/C/B/C

## Verse

1. Be - fore the cross I kneel and see the meas - ure of my sin, how  
2. And who am I that I should know this trea - sure of such worth, my

3 You be - came a curse for me, though You were in - no - cent. The  
Sav - ior's pure a - ton - ing blood, shed for the wrath I'd earned. For

5 mag - ni - tude of Your great love was shown in full de - gree, when  
sin has stained my ev - 'ry deed, my ev - 'ry word and thought. What

7 righteous blood, the crim - son spill, rained down from Cal - va - ry. Oh, the  
wondrous love that makes me one, Your price - less blood has bought.

Chords: C<sup>sus2</sup>, F<sup>7</sup>, C<sup>sus2</sup>, F<sup>7</sup>, Am, F<sup>sus2</sup>, C, G, F, G, Am, F<sup>7</sup>, G<sup>sus4</sup>, G

## Chorus

10 pre - cious blood that flowed from Mer - cy's side, washed a - way my sin when  
13 Christ my Savior died. Oh, the precious blood of Christ the cruci - fied, it  
17 speaks for me be - fore Your throne, where I stand jus - ti - fied. A

Chords: F, C, Am, G, F, C, Am, G, F, C, Em, F, F, F, G, Am, F, G, C<sup>sus2</sup>, F<sup>7</sup>

## Bridge

21 crown of thorns, pierced hands and feet, a bod - y bruised,  
26 and Mer - cy's plea. A crown of thorns, pierced hands and feet,  
32 a bod - y bruised, and Mer - cy's plea.

Chords: C<sup>sus2</sup>, Am, C<sup>sus2</sup>/B $\flat$ , G<sup>sus4</sup>, G, C<sup>sus2</sup>, Am, C<sup>sus2</sup>/B $\flat$ , G<sup>sus4</sup>, F<sup>sus2</sup>

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

**Scripture:** Luke 12:41-48

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

**Sermon:** “Great Power, Great Responsibility”

*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**

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go (below)

# O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

B F# E B B/A#

1. O Love that will not let me go,  
 2. O Light that follow'st all my way,  
 3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
 4. O Cross that liftest up my head,

B/A# G#m F#/A# B E F#

I rest my weary soul in thee;  
 I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;  
 I can not close my heart to thee;  
 I dare not ask to fly from thee;

F# B F# E B B/A#

I give thee back the life I owe,  
 My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
 I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
 I lay in dust life's glory dead,

B/A# G#m F#/A# B E F#

That in thine ocean depths its flow  
 That in thy sun-shine's blaze its day  
 And feel the promise is not vain,  
 And from the ground there blossoms red

F# C#m G#m F# F#/E F#/D# F#

May richer, fuller be  
 May brighter, fairer be  
 That morn shall tearless be  
 Life that shall end less be



**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*