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A Congregation of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

Please silence all cell phones.

* Those who are able, please stand.

† Latecomers may be seated.

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.

WELCOME TO REFORMATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christ-centered • Gospel-driven • Kingdom-focused

PRELUDE

† **ANNOUNCEMENTS** — (see page 11)

Rev. Matt Lucas

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Jeff Allers — Missionary to Germany

MOMENT OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 40:1-3

Elder David Taylor

I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the LORD.

† * **HYMN OF ADORATION** — *Sing a New Song to Jehovah (Psalm 98)*

Words and Music: Franz Joseph Haydn (vv. 1, 2)

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Sing a new song to Jehovah
For the wonders He has wrought.
His right hand and arm most holy
Triumph to His cause have brought.
In His love and tender mercy
He has made salvation known.
In the sight of ev'ry nation,
He His righteousness has shown.

Truth and mercy toward His people,
He has ever kept in mind,
And His full and free salvation,
He has shown to all man kind.
Sing, O earth, sing to Jehovah,
Praises to Jehovah sing.
With the swelling notes of music,
Shout before the Lord, the King.

* 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, forever. Amen.

* AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH — *The Apostles' Creed*

Elder: What do you believe?

People: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;**

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;¹ the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church;² the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

1. The phrase "he descended into hell" means that Jesus experienced the pains of hell on the cross and endured the curse of death while in the grave.

2. The word catholic means universal. It refers to the worldwide church of Jesus Christ, embracing all Christians everywhere.

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.

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.

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

Sermons available at
www.refpres.org

† * RESPONSE OF PRAISE — *Trinity Song*

Words and Music: Sandra McCracken

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Holy Father, Son and Spirit.
Holy Communion, Three-in-one. (*repeat*)
Come with Your peace, with Your invitation.
Bind us together in holy love. (*repeat*)

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

Mr. Austin Bollinger

*** 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.

SERMON — *"Fallen and Restored"*

Rev. Matt Lucas

John 21:15-25

[15] When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." [16] He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." [17] He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. [18] Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." [19] (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me." [20] Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" [21] When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" [22] Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!" [23] So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say

to him that he was not to die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?" [24] This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true. [25] Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

SERMON NOTES

Jesus restores fallen sinners.

What spiritual condition are we restored to?

1. A heart broken of pride
2. A heart that cares for the flock of Jesus
3. A heart committed to follow Jesus

The Lord's Supper: The Lord's Supper is a family meal in which Jesus, as the host, offers himself and all the blessings of salvation to his people. All who trust in Christ, who are baptized members of a gospel church, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live faithfully unto God are invited to partake. However, if you are not a Christian, or not prepared to partake of this meal, we encourage you to remain in your pew and spend this time seeking God in prayer.

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 assures us that we are forgiven in Jesus Christ and dearly loved.

* HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

God Be Merciful to Me (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5)

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.

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.

Broken, humbled to the dust
By thy wrath and judgement 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.

* SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

* CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus,
We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. We have been deaf to your call to serve. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved the Holy Spirit with our sin. We confess our pride, hypocrisy, and impatience, our self-indulgent appetites, our exploitation of other people, our anger and frustrations, our unrestrained love of earthly treasures and comforts, our dishonesty in daily life and work, our negligence in prayer and worship, our failure to commend the faith that is in us. Please forgive us and restore us by your grace to fellowship with you. Give us the joy of your salvation so that we may boast in Jesus Christ alone. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE — 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PASSAGES FOR REFLECTION

1 Corinthians 10:14–17

[14] Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. [15] I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. [16] The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? [17] Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

[23] For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, [24] and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." [25] In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." [26] For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

John 6:25–35

[25] When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" [26] Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. [27] Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." [28] Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" [29] Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." [30] So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?" [31] Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" [32] Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. [33] For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." [34] They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." [35] Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

Notes about partaking:

We come forward in groups around the table to receive the bread and wine. We eat and drink as we receive the bread and cup.

We serve a mixed tray of wine and grape juice. The outer ring contains grape juice, while the inner rings contain wine.

All bread is free of gluten, soy, dairy, nuts, and peanuts.

Isaiah 53:1-12

[1] Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? [2] For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. [3] He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. [4] Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. [5] But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. [6] All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. [7] He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. [8] By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? [9] And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. [10] Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. [11] Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. [12] Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT** — *Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken* (vv. 1, 2, 6)

Words: Henry Lyte | Music: Mozart | Alternate: Bill Moore

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Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shalt be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.

Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee,
God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me,
Show Thy face and all is bright.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** — *Jesus Paid It All*

Trinity Hymnal #308 (chorus)

Jesus paid it all,
All to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

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

Community Groups

Weekly small group Bible studies in church members' homes. *(Currently on Summer Break)*

Sundays – 121 Boyd Drive, Flat Rock, 5:00 PM - Contact: John Gates, 907.244.7709

25 Cane Creek Road, Fletcher, 5:00 PM - Contact: Eddie Reed, 804.452.0920

Mondays – 1915 Little River Road, Flat Rock, 6:30 PM - Contact: Glen Reid, 828.393.5004

Tuesdays – 116 7th Ave. W. (Kirkside Hall), 4:00 PM - Contact: David Taylor, 757.375.5062

Wednesdays – 1034 Sylvan Blvd, Hendersonville, 6:15 PM - Contact: Zack Keuthan, 828.702.6807

Thursdays – 464 Mine Gap Road, East Flat Rock, 6:30 PM - Contact: Doug Dolan, 301.384.4442

Fridays (1st & 3rd) – 1232 Olde Chanteloup Ct, 6:00 PM - Contact: Levi Friedly, 720.618.3533

USHERS

June

Vern George, Bill Goehring,
Andrew Melton

Valet Parking is available
between 10:15 - 10:40 am

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

June 4

Babies Carlos and Caroline Galvan
Walkers Dawn Warren & Tacy Stage

June 11

Babies Andy and Joy Coe
Walkers Greg and Katie Grant & Mercy Patterson

Additional Connections this Week

Today	12:00 PM Youth Advisory Team Meeting
Monday	5:30 PM Women's Ministry Team Meeting
Tuesday-Thursday	Synod Week
Wednesday	7:00 AM ONA Church Planting Breakfast
Thursday-Friday	World Focus
Saturday	Missionary's Breakfast at Bonclarken 7:30-8:30 AM Men's Study @ Southern Streams Coffee House (Side by Side by Edward Welch)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Monthly Special Offering for June will go to the Backpack Ministry. Look for collection bags in the Narthex.
2. World Focus will take place at Bonclarken this Thursday and Friday, June 8-9. On Thursday evening, June 8, at 7:00 PM in the Bonclarken Chapel, Rev. Dr. Frank van Dalen will give a message, followed by Songs of the Folk (A.T. and Lauren Cason) along with RefPres members Elly Keuthan and Tyler Blohm will give a concert. Hear a brand new set of songs based around the words of the Doxology. Registration is not necessary for this evening's event. No childcare is available.
3. We are currently taking a short break from Sunday School for the summer. We will resume on August 20 with Promotion Sunday.
4. The 2/4 Men's Group will not meet in June & July.
5. Next Sunday, June 11, there will be an Usher meeting at 9:30 AM in Kirkside Hall.
6. Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 25. The Cason's will be commissioned for their work in the U.K. that day, and we will send them off with a luncheon in their honor.
7. If you have hand-held musical instruments no longer being used, please consider donating them to Happy Life Children's Home.

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COMMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS

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