



What do we as Christians believe is true about the Lord's Supper?

And other worship explanations.

First,

we confess that it is a holy action, ordained of God, in the which the Lord Jesus, by earthly and visible things set before us, lifts us up unto heavenly and invisible things. And that when he had prepared his spiritual banquet, he witnessed that he himself was the lively bread wherewith our souls are fed unto everlasting life.

And therefore, in setting forth bread and wine to eat and drink, he confirms and seals up to us his promise and communion (that is, that we shall be partakers with him in his kingdom); and he represents unto us, and makes plain to our senses, his heavenly gifts; and also gives unto us himself, to be received with faith, and not with mouth, nor yet by transfusion of substance; but so, through the virtue [*power*] of the Holy Ghost, that we, being fed with his flesh, and refreshed with his blood, may be renewed both unto true godliness and to immortality.

-John Knox, 1559

reformation presbyterian church

A congregation of the Associate Reformed
Presbyterian Church | *Rev. Matt Lucas, Sr. Pastor*


Welcome to Reformation Presbyterian Church.

We are a congregation of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

order of worship (for order)

PRELUDE


This is the time to do what you need to do to get ready, like go to the bathroom and get water, so you can quiet down and prepare your heart to enter into holy worship. Listen to the pretty music. Read about the Lord's Supper further in the back of your bulletin. Say a prayer.

 "Dear Jesus, I want to be excited about entering into this building where my church family will worship and take communion. Please be in my heart. Amen"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Listen well here. The pastor will welcome everyone and tell you what will be happening in the life of your church family in the coming weeks.

MOMENT OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

 We go to the restroom and get settled into the pew and then we have to ask God to help our hearts get ready to worship "Dear Jesus, help me to be still and listen so I can hear your voice and know better how to live. Thank you, Jesus. Your Child, Amen"

INTROIT

music played or sung at the beginning of the worship service.

Example (Ex.) O Sing My Soul

CALL TO WORSHIP

Worshiping God is a main purpose of the church. God calls us to enter into his presence and worship him. The call to worship grabs our attention and asks us to focus on God. It reminds us why God is praiseworthy and deserving of our worship.

Ex. Psalm 145:18-19, 21

The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

HYMN OF ADORATION

This hymn is our response to being called to worship God. We love and adore God for wanting us to come into his presence to worship him.

Psalm 117

From all that dwell the skies,

O let Jehovah's praise arise!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And let His glorious name be sung
In every land, by every tongue!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Great are the mercies of the Lord,
And truth eternal is His word;
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Ye nations, sound from shore to shore
Jehovah's praise for evermore!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

 PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND
LORD'S PRAYER

We are asking God to receive our worship and bless us. Think about the words as you read.

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 FAITH

To affirm means to say as a fact, strongly and publicly. The worship leader is asking us a question about what we believe about God. Speak with confidence. (Scripture, Creeds, Confessions of Faith or a Catechism question here.)

The Apostles' Creed

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; 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; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

We know what we believe is wonderful. This song will be one of rejoicing and praise.

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Ex. How Great Thou Art

O LORD MY GOD, WHEN I IN AWESOME WONDER
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!
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How great thou art, how great thou art!

(Head on up to the Children's Sermon.)

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Jesus wants the children to know that the Gospel is for them as well. We are encouraged to train children in the way they should go so they will grow in their faith and love for God. Pastor Matt wants you to have your own message that you can understand. The older people love seeing you worship.

CHILDREN'S HYMN

The Children's Hymn or song is sung in response to the Children's Sermon and it gives you a chance to get back to your seat.

Ex. Father, I Thank You

Father, I thank You for all that You've done. You gave Your Son freely for me. And I praise You for calling me, drawing me near. Out of blindness You caused me to see.

Spirit of life, You are God's holy fire. You've kindled my heart with Your blaze. And I know You're refining me, changing my life. And by faith You're revealing Your ways.

Jesus, I need You as Lord of my life. I give all I have unto You. Lord, I want to come under Your heavenly hand, And to praise You in all that I do.

Words and Music by Steve Stewart

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

The pastor leads the congregation in this prayer for the well being of the church world wide and for the world wide church to grow, or expand.

MORNING OFFERING

The time in the service when we can give back and say thank you to God with a part of what he has given us. Everything belongs to God. We are only stewards of what is loaned to us.

OFFERTORY

A song is sung or music played during this time.

Ex. Come Bless the Lord

Music arranged by Lau

DOXOLOGY

God allows us to care for His things. We praise God for everything. He made you and all things.

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Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

This is one more way we hear God speaking to us through the teaching of His Scriptures.

Ex. Acts 28:1-10

(pew Bible pages 937)

SERMON

"Seeing Can Be Deceiving"

Rev. Matt Lucas

The pastor's message from God's Word, the Bible.

HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S
SUPPER

This is a hymn that gets our hearts and minds
focused before going to the Lord's table.

Ex. We Will Feast In the House of Zion

Chorus:

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed, by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up (Chorus)

In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength (Chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one

And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom. (Chorus)

Words and Music by Sandra McCracken & Joshua
Moore

 CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As a family we join together to tell God we are sorry
for our sins because none of us is good. We all need
forgiveness.

Merciful God,
 you pardon all who truly repent and turn
to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
 nor have we loved our neighbor as
ourselves.
In your great compassion,
 cleanse us from our sin.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
 and renew a right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from your presence,
 or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
 and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

A verse that claims truth about our forgiveness from God.

Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
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 stripes we are healed.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

What is it?

The Lord's Supper is the family meal of Christians in which Jesus, as the host, offers himself and all the blessings of salvation to his people. Everyone who professes faith in Christ, is a baptized member of a church and in good standing, and seeks strength to love God and his neighbor is invited to partake of the Supper. However, if you are not a Christian, or not prepared to partake of this meal, we encourage you to spend this time seeking God in prayer, confessing your sins, and asking for his forgiving and renewing grace.

Notes about partaking:

Our custom is to eat and drink as each of us receives 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.

Look at the *First Catechism* questions and answers and the following passages to help you understand why we come to the table:

- 126 Q. How many sacraments are there?
A. 2
- 127 Q. What are they?
A. Baptism and the Lord's Supper.
- 128 Q. Who appointed these sacraments?
A. The Lord Jesus Christ.
- 129 Q. Why did Christ appoint these sacraments?
A. To distinguish his people from the world, and to comfort and strengthen them.
- 137 Q. What sign is used in the Lord's Supper?
A. Eating bread and drinking wine to remember the suffering of Jesus Christ.
- 138 Q. What does the bread represent?
A. Christ's body sacrificed for our sins.
- 139 Q. What does the wine represent?
A. Christ's blood shed for our sins.

140 Q. Who may rightly partake of the Lord's Supper?

A. Those who repent of their sins, trust in Christ, live a godly life, and profess their faith before the Church.

Look up these passages:

1 Corinthians 10:16-22 (pew Bible pages 957-958)

1 Corinthians 11:27-29 (pew Bible page 959)

Matthew 5:23-24 (pew Bible page 810)

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

This hymn speaks of our choosing to act as if we love Christ and desire to follow him with his help. He has died for our sins and loves us. He showed that love on the cross. We want to praise God and thank him by the way we live.

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EX. *How Deep The Father's Love For Us*

Verse 1

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Verse 2

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

Verse 3

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom.

BENEDICTION

The pastor speaks God's blessing over the congregation. Stand up tall and look up at the Pastor and feel God's blessing covering you as you go out into the world as a missionary for God.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The congregation will respond to God after his blessing with thankful hearts in song.

Ex. Benediction

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Verse 1

May the grace of Christ our Savior
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.

Verse 2

Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford.

POSTLUDE

Music after the worship service sending us out to
live for God.

All Done!
Enjoy your day of rest.

When was the first Lord's Supper?

How often can you have the Lord's supper?

We celebrate the Lord's Supper the first Sunday of
every month. Each church can give the supper as
often as they like. It takes a lot of work to prepare
the Lord's Supper and to clean up afterwards. We
have a team of volunteers who do this each month.

worship notes

- Follow along and pray when you hear the worship leader say, "Let's pray."
- Go to the bathroom before worship begins.
- Sing along with the congregation. While you sing think about the words.
- Open your Bible or the pew Bible and follow along. Even if you just find the scripture and listen to the Pastor read aloud you can see and know where it is.
- Please return your worship bags on your way out.
- Worshiping well is wonderful but hard work. Don't forget your treat after worship.

announcements

- Ex. Bring Operation Christmas Child donations so we can fill some boxes.
- Have a great week!



Please contact, Sallye Lucas, DCM,
If you have any questions about the
children's ministry at RPC.

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officers

elders

The office of Elder is reserved for Christian men who help shepherd the congregation and have the gift of teaching. These men are selected by the congregation.

deacons

The office of Deacon is reserved for Christian men who help shepherd the congregation and have the gift of service. These men are selected by the congregation.

staff and volunteers

- Senior Pastor..... ..Rev. Matt Lucas
- Associate Pastor & Youth . Rev. Zack Keuthan
- Children’s Ministry Director..... Sallye Lucas
- Custodian Michael Rhodes
- Librarian. Elly Keuthan
- Music Director..... Karen Kuykendall
- Musician.Chris Zhang
- Nursery Attendant.Margaret Torchio
- Secretary. Beth Hill
- Treasurer Karen O’Conner
- Women’s Ministry..... Amy Troy



Please pray for our church, these men and women, and all those who serve at RPC.