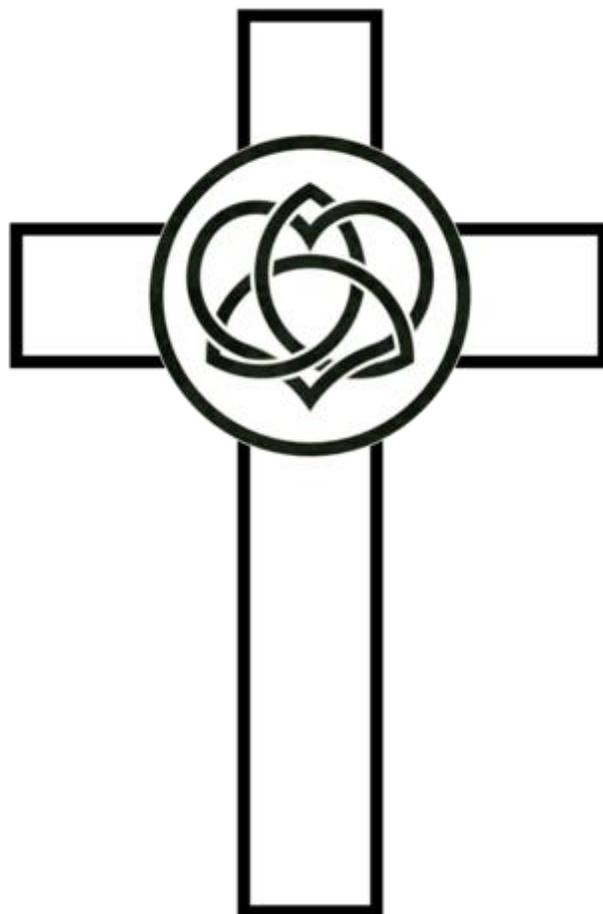


# *Grace Reformed*



*March 22, 2026*

We are a church that loves the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and through that gospel, by repentance and faith in Christ, are seeking to grow in love for our Triune God, his church, and our neighbors.

## Welcome!

We are pleased to have you with us this morning as we worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

We believe worship is about gathering together to meet with the Triune God. During worship we believe that God:

- **Draws** near to expose our sins so that we can repent of them
- **Forgives** our sins so that we can be reconciled to him and each other
- **Pours** his love into our hearts
- **Comforts** the mourning
- **Strengthens** the weak
- **Heals** the broken
- **Encourages** the sorrowful
- **Deepens** our faith
- **Refreshes and Renews** our love and obedience to his Word.

Our worship follows a dialogue format, where God speaks to us through his Bible and reflections on his Word, and we respond to him in different ways like listening, singing, praying, repenting, confessing, etc. In this “holy conversation” Jesus tells us about himself, and about us, and about how we can grow closer to him and look more like him in our daily lives.

Therefore, so that we can focus on what God is doing and saying, we ask that you if you are not using your cellphone to read the Bible and access the liturgy to please turn off or silence them during the worship service; or if you are using them to limit yourself to those activities (airplane mode is helpful with this).

Also, meeting with God is not just for adults! Jesus welcomes all of us, including little children. If you have children, we are delighted to have them worship with us in the worship service! We encourage you to help them worship and quietly answer questions they may have during worship. If you are new to church and don't know the answers, or want help in how to encourage their participation, you are very much invited to speak with our pastor or one of the elders. We very much want you and your children to be able to understand and participate in worship as much as possible.

To help you follow along more easily, please note that **bold italicized text** are words that we say out loud together. Headings have an \* behind them show places where we invite you to stand with us if you are able.

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## Meditation Verse and Prelude: Psalm 118:19-21

[During the prelude ask the Triune God to help you worship him through repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.]

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

## \*God's Greeting: Isaiah 60:1

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

## \*God's Call to Worship: Revelation 4:8, 11; 5:12, 13

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

**Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!**

To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

## **\*Our Song and Prayer of Approach: #382 God Himself is with Us**

### **God's Call to Confession: 1 Peter 2:13-15**

Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.

### **Our Corporate Confession of Sin:**

[After this, a time of silent, personal confession follows, where we can confess our individual sins individually]

***Heavenly Father, you are the glorious ruler of all and have ordained each and every authority over our lives. Yet we find it very easy to complain about or mock the authorities you have placed. Please forgive us for our rebelliousness and self-righteousness. Please enable us by Your Spirit to submit to these authorities as we ought, and to honor them as Your servants placed in our lives. In so doing, let us glorify You on this earth and find our peace in our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.***

### **God's Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 62:1-3**

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

### **Our Corporate Response of Praise: Psalm 118:5-7, 17**

***Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? The Lord is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.***

You have nothing to hide: ***I am forgiven in Christ!***

You have nothing to prove: ***I am righteous in Christ!***

You have nothing to fear: ***I am loved in Christ!***

## **\*Our Song of Assurance: #701 Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!**

### **Offerings of Thanks, Praise and Trust: 2 Corinthians 9:10-11**

(If you would like to give, you may do so through our online giving portal, by mail, or during Sunday worship)

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

### **Sung during the offering: #537 Take Time To Be Holy**

## **Our Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.

## **\*Our Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 76-77**

Q. What does it mean to eat the crucified body of Christ and to drink his poured-out blood?

**A. It means to accept with a believing heart the entire suffering and death of Christ and thereby to receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life. But it means more. Through the Holy Spirit, who lives both in Christ and in us, we are united more and more to Christ's blessed body. And so, although he is in heaven and we are on earth, we are flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone. And we forever live on and are governed by one Spirit, as the members of our body are by one soul.**

Q. Where does Christ promise to nourish and refresh believers with his body and blood as surely as they eat this broken bread and drink this cup?

**A. In the institution of the Lord's Supper: "The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is [broken]\* for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."**

## **God's Word Read and Proclaimed**

Pastor Shawn Spalti

Text: Genesis 21:1-21

Sermon: God Provides for Abraham and Sarah, and for Hagar and Ishmael

## **Our Prayer of Dedication**

## **\*Our Song of Response: #645 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee**

### **The Lord's Supper**

We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking the cup with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to our church that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any doubts about your participation, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders.

### **\*God's Benediction: John 14:27**

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

### **\*Our Song of Hope: #731 Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen