

PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORSHIP AT HOME AND IN THE GROVE
August 1, 2021
10:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Preakness Reformed Church!

"Unity is both what we already have, since it is the work Spirit,
and the future aim toward which we must work."
Ralph P. Martin

"All the colors are the friends of their neighbors
and the lovers of their opposites."
Marc Chagall

☒ *Congregation standing, as able*

GATHERING SONG Ten Thousand Reasons Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends of God and followers of Christ,
we are called to travel on the same road and in the same direction,
from our hearts and in our lives.
**We have traveled here to the Grove by many different roads and wireless pathways
so that we can worship the Living God.**

There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we are called to the one hope of our calling.
One God rules over all, works through all, and is present in all.
**So let everything we are, everything we think, everything we do
be permeated by God who is above all and through all and in all!**

OPENING SONG OF PRAISE Rejoice Dustin Kensrue &
Stuart Townend

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our holy Friend, you never forget your human family and never neglect our prayers.
We admit to you the spiritual ineptitude that we hide behind a proud exterior, and
we confess that our words and deeds sometimes miss the mark of LOVE.

~A time for personal confession~

Merciful God, come between us and our self-deceit,
between us and our mental hiding places
between us and our plaintive excuses,
between us and our fears,
between us and our shame,
between us and our frustrations.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and reliable spirit within us.

Intervene and save us from all that would frustrate your purposes, lead us into the
experience of forgiveness, and bring us to a quiet place where your grace is all in all.

~ a time for listening in the silence~

And all God's people said, "Amen!"
Amen!

GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND GRACE & OUR CHALLENGE IN FOLLOWING JESUS

 PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

(Please offer a sign of peace safely to one another in the Grove and at home.)

GUIDANCE FROM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:1-16

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"Body Building in the Kindom of God"

Rejoice

Verse 1

Come and stand before your maker
Full of wonder full of fear
Come behold his power and glory
Yet with confidence draw near
For the one who holds the heavens
And commands the stars above
Is the God who bends to bless us
With an unrelenting love

Chorus 1

Rejoice
Come and lift your hands and raise your voice
He is worthy of all praise
Rejoice
Sing the mercies of your king
And with trembling rejoice

Verse 2

We are children of the promise
The beloved of the Lord
Won with everlasting kindness
Bought with sacrificial blood
Bringing reconciliation
To a world that longs to know
The affections of a father
Who will never let them go

Verse 3

All our sickness all our sorrows
Jesus carried up the hill
He has walked this path before us
He is walking with us still
Turning tragedy to triumph
Turning agony to praise
There is blessing in the battle
So take heart and stand amazed

Chorus 2

Rejoice
When you cry to him he hears your voice
He will wipe away your tears
Rejoice
In the midst of suffering
He will help you sing

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Less Like Me

Verse 1

Oh I have days I lose the fight
Try my best but just don't get it right
Where I talk a talk that I don't walk
And miss the moments right before my eyes

Pre-Chorus

Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped
Somebody with a hand that I could have held
When I just can't see past myself
Lord help me be

Chorus

A little more like mercy
A little more like grace
A little more like kindness goodness love and faith
A little more like patience
A little more like peace
A little more like Jesus
A little less like me

Verse 2

Yeah there's no denying I have changed
I've been saved from who I used to be
But even at my best I must confess
I still need help to see the way You see

Bridge

Oh to feed the beggar on the street

Love to be Your hands and feet

Freely give what I receive

Lord help me be

I want to put You first above all else

Love my neighbor as myself

In the moments no one sees

Lord help me be

Ending

A little more I'm living

Everything I preach

A little more like Jesus

A little less like me

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