

**PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH  
PSALMS SUNDAY**

**WORSHIP IN BERDAN HALL AND AT HOME  
February 6, 2022  
10:00 A.M.**

*Welcome to the Preakness Reformed Church!*

*“The Psalms are poetry. Poetry is a way of using language that draws us into participation. Poetry is language used with personal intensity. It is not, as so many suppose, decorative speech. Poetry grabs for the visceral. Psalms are poetry that dives beneath the surface of prose and pretense straight into the depths.” -Eugene Peterson 1932-2018*

☒ *Congregation standing, as able*

GATHERING SONG

“Stronger Love”

-Chris Renzema

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**APPROACHING GOD TOGETHER**

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

-Psalm 23 MSG and KJV

God, my shepherd! I don't need a thing. You have bedded me down in lush meadows, you find me quiet pools to drink from. True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction.

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

Even when the way goes through Death Valley, I'm not afraid when you walk at my side. Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure. You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies. You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing.



## INTERPRETING GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

PRAYER OF BLESSING

SCRIPTURE READING

-Psalm 40

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

SONG OF REFLECTION

"40"

-U2

PSALM LEARNINGS with Eugene Paterson and Bono

Eugene Peterson was a pastor, professor and author. Eugene authored over 30 books and also translated the whole Bible into a contemporary language version called "The Message." The Message was published over a nine year period. There are approximately over 20 million copies of the Message.

Bono, the singer from the band U2, read several of Eugene Peterson's books and also would read the Message just before his band would step out onto the stage for concerts.

The joke is that Bono could not get a hold of or meet Eugene Peterson because Peterson was too busy translating the message. Finally, the two met and developed a relationship. This video clip is a discussion of Eugene Peterson and Bono about the Psalms facilitated by David Taylor, a Professor at Fuller Theological Seminary.

*\*We will send out the video link next week and post it to our Facebook page as well in case you want to see this discussion again.*

## RESPONDING AS FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Meaning of the Sacrament

Communion Song and Litany **825 & 826**

(see pages 6-7)

Words of Institution and Communion

### PRAYERS AROUND THE TABLE

#### 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, A-MEN.**

#### THE BLESSING AND SENDING

#### SENDING SONG

“Greater”

-MercyMe

*Assisting God's people in worship this morning are Pastor Eric Nichols, worship leader; Jess Amato, worship host; Kathy Curtin, liturgist; Berdan Hall Band; and Daniel King, Director of Music Ministries.*

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"May the Peoples Praise You"

-Keith and Kristyn Getty

Verse 1

You have called us out of darkest night  
Into Your glorious light  
That we may sing the wonders of  
The risen Christ

Verse 2

May our every breath retell the grace  
That broke into our strife  
With boundless love and deepest joy  
With endless life

Chorus

May the peoples praise You  
Let the nations be glad  
All Your blessing comes  
That we may praise  
May praise the Name of Jesus

Verse 3

**All the earth is Yours and all within  
Each harvest is Your own  
And from Your hand we give to You  
To make Christ known**

Verse 4

**May the seeds of mercy grow in us  
For those who have not heard  
May songs of praise build lives of grace  
To spread Your Word**

Chorus

Verse 5

**This our holy priv'lege to declare  
Your praises and Your name  
To every nation tribe and tongue  
Your church proclaim**

Bridge

Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty  
Worthy worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
**Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty  
All creation praise Your glorious Name**

Chorus

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

825 **Beneath the Cross**

C7 F Gm7 B<sup>b</sup>6 Gm7 F/C Dm7

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, I find a place to  
 2 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, his fam - ily is my  
 3 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, the path be - fore the

Gm7 C7 F Gm7 B<sup>b</sup>6 Gm7

stand, and won - der at such mer - cy that  
 own. Once strang - ers chas - ing self - ish dreams, now  
 crown, we fol - low in his foot - steps where

F/C C<sup>sus</sup> C F B<sup>b</sup> C<sup>9</sup>/B<sup>b</sup>

calls me as I am. For hands that should dis -  
 one through grace a - lone. How could I now dis -  
 prom - ised hope is found. How great the joy be -

Am7 Dm7 B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 C<sup>sus</sup> C

card me hold wounds which tell me, "Come."  
 hon - or the ones that you have loved?  
 fore us to be his per - fect bride.

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, my un -  
 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, see the  
 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, we will

wor - thy soul is won.  
 chil - dren called by God.  
 glad - ly live our lives.

Chords: F, Gm7, Bb, Gm7, F, C7sus, C7, F, Fine last time, To stanzas C/Bb, Bb/C

Affirmation: What God Says  
 Through the Supper

826

Our Lord commands all believers  
 to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup  
 in true faith and in the confident hope of his return in glory.

**In this supper God declares to us  
 that our sins have been completely forgiven  
 through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ,  
 which he himself finished on the cross once for all.**

He also declares to us  
 that the Holy Spirit grafts us into Christ,  
 who with his very body  
 is now in heaven at the right hand of the Father,  
 where he wants us to worship him.  
**Alleluia! Amen.**

Text: from Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 75, 80