

Lord's Day Service

At Reformed Church of the Sierras

On May 10th, 2026

3rd Sunday After Easter

Scripture Quotations from the Legacy Standard Bible

Call to Worship: Where God Calls Us Into His Presence

Hear Today's Call to Worship from God's Word: [Congregation Standing]

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father; to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Galatians 1:3-5

Come Worship the Triune God of Heaven and Earth!

God's People Respond with a Hymn of Adoration: Come Thou Almighty King (331)

Salutation and Response [based on Matthew 28:19, Ruth 2:4 and Galatians 2:20]

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit

Amen!

May Yahweh be with you!

And also with you!

I have been crucified with Christ,

and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.

And the life which I now live in the flesh

I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us in Christ

The Call for Confession from God's Word:

Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? May it never be! For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed be by law. But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

Galatians 3:21-22

God's People Join in a Hymn of Confession: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (352)

Silent Confession:

And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Romans 8:26-27

Those who are willing and able are invited to kneel for our time of confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession (read in unison)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty who was and is and is to come. In your merciful presence we confess that we have broken your Law, both in what we have done and what we have left undone. We confess that these trespasses, apart from your Grace, result in our impurity, and also make us liable to receive your just punishments. We confess our sins and ask that you wash us from our impurities through the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ. We acknowledge our iniquities, and ask that you shield us from punishment through the atoning death of our Savior. From our violations of your just Law, forgive us through the perfect obedience of our Lord, and empower us to love mercy, do justice and walk humbly with You. Finally, we ask you to receive our praise and worship, for we speak in the blessed name of Jesus, and seek the visible manifestation of His Kingdom on earth. Amen.

Arise and Receive the Assurance of Pardon & Forgiveness

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, heirs according to promise.

Galatians 3:26-29

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for our sins and to be raised for our justification; and for His sake forgives us all our sins. This I declare in the name and authority of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Having confessed our sins with faith in the completed work of Christ on our behalf, we are forgiven; we have been cleansed and clothed in the righteousness of Jesus. And not only that, we are now in Christ and in Him we are in the heavenly places, in the very midst of the blessed Trinity with the Saints of all the ages, from every tongue, tribe and nation prepared to worship in the beauty of holiness.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

Come Bless the Father:

Come bless the Fath - er, all you ser - vants of the Son, who stand by the Spir - it in the House of the Lord. Lift up your hands to the Ho - ly Place and bless your God. May the Lord _____ bless you from Zi - on, He Who made hea - ven and earth. _____

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up un - to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

It is pro - per and right to do so.

Truly it is proper and right that we should at all times and in all places give praise to you O Lord, so with the angels and all the company of heaven and with the Church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you & singing:

God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks: Be Still, My Soul (394)

Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Galatians 5:22-25

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD:

Responsive Reading: Psalm 32

Of David. A Maskil. How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered!

How blessed is the man whose iniquity Yahweh will not take into account, And in whose spirit there is no deceit!

When I kept silent about my sin, my bones wasted away Through my groaning all day long.

For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was drained away as with the heat of summer. Selah.

I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I did not cover up; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to Yahweh;" And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

Therefore, let every holy one pray to You at a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters they will not reach him.

You are my hiding place; You guard me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah.

I will give you insight and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.

Do not be as the horse or as the mule which have no understanding, Whose harness are bit and bridle to control them, Otherwise they will not come near you.

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, But he who trusts in Yahweh, lovingkindness shall surround him.

Be glad in Yahweh and rejoice, you righteous ones; And shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart.

God's People Respond with a Hymn of Faith: All Hail the Power of Jesus Name (336)

God Speaks to Us Through His Word: Scripture, Prayer for Illumination, and Sermon

The Good Fruit of Conflict

Philemon By Pastor Jeff Lambin

God's People Sing a Hymn of Response: The Love of God (Attached)

God Receives Our Tithes and Gifts as a Tribute Offering: (read in unison)

For you were called to freedom, brothers; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in this: "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." Galatians 5:13-14

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

With the singing of Psalm 27:4-5 & the Doxology

Words composed by Brenda Fisher

1: One thing from God have I desired,
That in His house I may inquire,
So on His beauty I may gaze.
I seek to dwell there all my days.

2: In troubled times He makes me hide.
He hides me secretly inside.
Within His tabernacle home,
He sets me high upon a stone.

3: 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.

The Great Prayer, concluding with the Lord's Prayer (recited together): Michael Moore

**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 tresspasses as we forgive those who have trespassed against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever: AMEN**

Communion: Where God Communes With His People

Preparation for Communion: Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared His table for all who love and trust Him for their salvation. All those who have repented of their sins, have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and are not under discipline from Christ's Church are welcome at this table. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as our Lord our God will call.

God's People Sing the Apostle's Creed (Insert at Front of Hymnal)

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE: (Peace Offering, Gift of Life)

*A Word of Encouragement ("Woman, behold, your son!" ... "Behold, your mother!")
Giving of Thanks – Breaking of the Bread*

1. Here we see the fulfillment of Simeon's prophecy.
2. Here we see the perfect man setting an example for children to honor their parents.
3. Here we see that John had returned to the Saviour's side.
4. Here we discover an illustration of Christ's prudence.
5. Here we see that spiritual relationships must not ignore the responsibilities of nature.
6. Here we see a universal need exemplified.
7. Here we see the marvelous blending of Christ's perfections.

God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks: My God, My God, O Why (41 – attached)

Feasting at the Table: A Simple act of obedience on the 1st day of a new week.

Partaking of the bread Together

Giving Thanks – Partaking of the Wine

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.”

Congregation Responds: “Come Lord Jesus! Come!”

Commissioning: Where God Sends Out His People

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sits on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; having a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself, and being clothed with a garment dipped in blood, His name is also called The Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. And from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may STRIKE DOWN THE NATIONS, and He will RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON; and HE TREADS THE WINE PRESS OF THE WRATH OF THE RAGE OF GOD, the Almighty. And He has on His garment and on His thigh a name written, “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”

Revelation 19:11-16

God’s People Prepare to Be Sent Forth with Song: To All My Brothers I’ll Declare (42)

God Blesses His People – The Benediction:

[congregation standing]

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, might, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen... The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Jude 24-25 & 2 Corinthians 13:14

God’s People Depart to Serve the Risen & Reigning Savior by Singing:

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace (732)

Lord, bid Your servant go in peace,
Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation’s dawn,
This child so long foretold.

This is the Savior of the world,
The Gentiles’ promised light,
God’s glory dwelling in our midst,
The joy of Israel.

Gloria Patri (735)

With Lifted Hands:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

Heidelberg Catechism

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9. Q. But does not God do man an injustice by requiring in his law what man cannot do?

A. No, for God so created man that he was able to do it. But man, at the instigation of the devil, in deliberate disobedience robbed himself and all his descendants of these gifts.

10. Q. Will God allow such disobedience and apostasy to go unpunished?

A. Certainly not. He is terribly displeased with our original sin as well as our actual sins. Therefore he will punish them by a just judgment both now and eternally, as he has declared: Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law (Gal 3:10).

11. Q. But is God not also merciful?

A. God is indeed merciful, but he is also just. His justice requires that sin committed against the most high majesty of God also be punished with the most severe, that is, with everlasting, punishment of body and soul.

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens, and hastens, his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining his Kingdom divine.
So from the beginning the fight we were winning.
Thou, Lord wast at our side: All glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our Defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation.
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

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Sermon Notes:

The Good Fruit of Conflict

1. Forgiving Character (4-7)

2. Forgiving Action (8-18)
 - a. Reception

 - b. Restoration

 - c. Restitution

3. Forgiving Motives (19-25)
 - a. I owe a debt I cannot repay

 - b. I desire to bless and refresh the saints

 - c. Forgiveness is an act of obedience to the Lord

 - d. The recognition of accountability to godly leaders

 - e. The recognition that we are setting an example for the whole church

 - f. The recognition that we must be empowered by the grace of God