



**Covenant Reformed  
CHURCH**

# *Covenant Reformed Church*

Sunday, July 28th, 2024

## *Call to Worship (preaching elder)*

Psalm 134

“Behold, bless Yahweh, all you slaves of Yahweh, Who stand in the house of Yahweh by night! Lift up your hands to the sanctuary and bless Yahweh. May Yahweh bless you from Zion, Who made heaven and earth.”

Elder: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you!

**Congregation: And also with you!**

## *Song of Praise (stand)*

[Psalm 134 - #269](#)

**Congregation: AMEN**

## *Collect Prayer (assisting elder)*

Elder:

- An address to God;
- An acknowledgment of some aspect of God’s nature or character;
- The petition itself;
- The aspiration;
- The memorial pleading.

## *Cleansing from Sin*

[Be Merciful to Me, O God \(Psalm 51:1-9\) - #98a](#)

**Congregation: AMEN**

## *Confession of sin*

**Q. 82.** Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?

**A. No mere man since the fall is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but doth daily break them in thought, word, and deed.**

**Q. 84.** What doth every sin deserve?

**A. Every sin deserveth God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.**

**Q. 85.** What doth God require of us, that we may escape His wrath and curse, due to us for sin?

**A. To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption.**

## [Agnus Dei - #727](#)

**Elder:** We will now take a few moments to individually confess our sins to God. You may sit or kneel.

\*moment of silence\* Let us now confess our sins together:

## *Congregation:*

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own heart. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from Your grace, there is no health in us.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may now live godly, righteous, and sober lives, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen**

## *Cleansing of the Gospel*

**Elder:** Arise and hear good news! **(rise)** To all who rest upon Jesus Christ alone for their salvation I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Ghost!

**Congregation: AMEN**

**Elder:** Our sins are forgiven through Christ!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## [Gloria Patri - #736](#)

## *Consecration*

### *Ascent to God's Throne*

**Elder:** Lift up your hearts.

**Congregation: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Elder: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**Congregation: It is proper and right so to do.**

[A Mighty Fortress Is Our God - #408](#)

**Congregation: AMEN**

*Reading of the Law of God (sit)*

Elder: Hear the Law of God (congregation to respond with the answer).

**Q. 39.** What is the duty which God requireth of man?

**A. The duty which God requireth of man, is obedience to His revealed will.**

**Q. 63.** Which is the fifth commandment?

**A. The fifth commandment is, Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.**

**Q. 64.** What is required in the fifth commandment?

**A. The fifth commandment requireth the preserving the honor, and performing the duties, belonging to every one in their several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors, or equals.**

**Q. 65.** What is forbidden in the fifth commandment?

**A. The fifth commandment forbiddeth the neglecting of, or doing anything against, the honor and duty which belongeth to every one in their several places and relations.**

**Q. 66.** What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment?

**A. The reason annexed to the fifth commandment is, a promise of long life and prosperity (as far as it shall serve for God's glory, and their own good) to all such as keep this commandment.**

**Congregation: AMEN**

*Statement of Faith*

Elder: Let us now affirm what we believe.

The Nicene Creed (Pg. 819 at the back of the Cantus Christi to read)

**Congregation: AMEN**

*Reading of the Scripture*

Elder: Hear the Word of the Lord (congregation to respond with the bold).

**Joshua 3-5:1**

Then Joshua rose early in the morning; and he and all the sons of Israel set out from Shittim and came to the Jordan, and they lodged there before they crossed. Now it happened that at the end of three days the officers went through the midst of the camp; and they commanded the people, saying, "When you

see the ark of the covenant of Yahweh your God with the Levitical priests carrying it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it. "However, there shall be between you and it a distance of about 2,000 cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you shall go, for you have not passed this way before." Then Joshua said to the people, "Set yourselves apart as holy, for tomorrow Yahweh will do wondrous deeds among you." And Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, "Carry the ark of the covenant and cross over ahead of the people." So they carried the ark of the covenant and went ahead of the people. Then Yahweh said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to magnify you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you. "Moreover, you shall command the priests who are carrying the ark of the covenant, saying, 'When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.'" Then Joshua said to the sons of Israel, "Come near, and hear the words of Yahweh your God." And Joshua said, "By this you shall know that the living God is among you, and that He will assuredly dispossess from before you the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Hivite, the Perizzite, the Girgashite, the Amorite, and the Jebusite. "Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is crossing over ahead of you into the Jordan. "So now, take for yourselves twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one man for each tribe. "And it will be that when the soles of the feet of the priests who carry the ark of Yahweh, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan will be cut off, and the waters which are flowing down from above will stand in one heap." So it happened that when the people set out from their tents to cross the Jordan with the priests carrying the ark of the covenant before the people, and when those who carried the ark came into the Jordan, and the feet of the priests carrying the ark were dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks all the days of harvest), the waters which were flowing down from above stood and rose up in one heap, a great distance away at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan; and those which were flowing down toward the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. So the people crossed opposite Jericho. And the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of Yahweh stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan while all Israel crossed on dry ground until all the nation had completed crossing the Jordan.

Now it happened when all the nation had completed crossing the Jordan, that Yahweh spoke to Joshua, saying, "Take for yourselves twelve men from the people, one man from each tribe, and command them, saying, 'Carry for yourselves twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet are standing firm, and carry them over with you and lay them down in the lodging place where you will lodge tonight.'" So Joshua called the twelve men whom he had appointed from the sons of Israel, one man from each tribe; and Joshua said to them, "Cross again before the ark of Yahweh your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you carry a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Israel, in order that this would be a sign among you, so that when your children ask later, saying, 'What do these stones mean to you?' then you shall say to them, 'Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of Yahweh; when it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off.' So these stones shall become a memorial to the sons of Israel forever." Thus the sons of Israel did as Joshua commanded and carried twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, just as Yahweh spoke to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Israel; and they carried them over with them to the lodging place and laid them down there. But Joshua set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan at the place where the feet of the priests who carried the ark of the covenant were standing, and they are there to this day. Now the priests who carried the ark were standing in the middle of the Jordan until everything was completed that Yahweh had commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua.

And the people hurried and crossed. And it happened when all the people had completed crossing, that the ark of Yahweh and the priests crossed before the people. And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh crossed over in battle array before the sons of Israel, just as Moses had spoken to them; about 40,000 equipped for war crossed for battle before Yahweh to the desert plains of Jericho. On that day, Yahweh magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel, so that they feared him, just as they had feared Moses all the days of his life. Then Yahweh said to Joshua, "Command the priests who carry the ark of the testimony that they come up from the Jordan." So Joshua commanded the priests, saying, "Come up from the Jordan." So it happened when the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of Yahweh had come up from the middle of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up to the dry ground, that the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and went over all its banks as before. Now the people came up from the Jordan on the tenth of the first month and camped at Gilgal on the eastern edge of Jericho. And those twelve stones which they had taken from the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal. Then he said to the sons of Israel, "When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, 'What do these stones mean?' then you shall make your children know, saying, 'Israel crossed this Jordan on dry land.' "For Yahweh your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed, just as Yahweh your God had done to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed, that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of Yahweh is strong, so that you may fear Yahweh your God forever."

Now it happened when all the kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan to the west, and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea, heard how Yahweh had dried up the waters of the Jordan before the sons of Israel until they had crossed, that their hearts melted, and there was no spirit in them any longer because of the sons of Israel.

**Congregation: AMEN**

*Preaching of the Word (preaching elder)*

***Joshua 3:1-5:1***

*Prayer of Response*

Elder: Pastoral prayer (colloquy prayer)

*Song of Response (stand)*

[Doxology - #734](#)

*Thanksgiving (assisting elder)*

Elder: Let us give thanks to God together.

*Congregation:*

**Almighty God. Father of all mercies, We your unworthy servants, do give you our most humble and hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all people. We bless you for our creation and preservation and for all the blessings of this life. But above all, we thank you for your inestimable love and the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ. We also thank you for the means of grace and for the hope of glory.**

**We beseech you now to give us that due sense of all your mercies, that our hearts may be truly thankful, and that we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up**

ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all, honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

### *Offerings*

Elder: We will now bring our offerings as we sing.

[Let Israel Now Say in Thankfulness \(Psalm 124\) - #239](#)

**Congregation: AMEN**

### *Communion (assisting elder)*

Elder: **You may be seated.** The words of institution & prayer

Elders to serve the table

[Be Not Far off, for Grief is Near \(Psalm 22:9-22\) - #41b](#)

Elder: Let us pray to God together

Congregation:

**“Our Father who is in heaven, ‘Hallowed be Your name. ‘Your kingdom come. ‘Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ‘Give us this day our daily bread. ‘And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ‘And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. ‘For Yours is the kingdom, power, and glory forever. Amen.” (Matthew 6:9-13)**

Elder:

“For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.” (Matthew 6:14-15)

### *Commissioning*

Elder: **Rise**

“And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to keep all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

**Congregation: AMEN**

When the Enemy Comes In - #527

**Congregation: AMEN**

Elder: Go now with God’s blessing

“Yahweh bless you, and keep you; Yahweh make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; Yahweh lift up His face on you, And give you peace.” (Numbers 6:24-26)

**Congregation: AMEN, AMEN, AMEN!**