



ridley park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order for Worship
10:00 AM, July 19, 2026

Opening Hymn #3

Holy, Holy, Holy

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinful man Thy glory
May not see. Only Thou art holy – there is none beside Thee, perfect in power, in love, in purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky,
And sea. Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Welcome and Announcements

- **Welcome Visitors!** Please fill out a visitors' card from the pew rack in front of you and place it in an offering plate near a sanctuary exit.
- **Nursery and Sunday School:** Our Nursery, for children aged three and under is open during worship. Sunday School for age four through twelfth grade begins after children's time.
- **GriefShare:** A special session of GriefShare for those who are dealing with the loss of a spouse is being held on Tuesday, August 4th from 6-7:30 pm in the church parlor. If you anyone know would like to attend, you can register at rppcusa.org/events
- **Little Library:** We are seeking donations of Christian children's books and other children's books with positive messages for our little library. If you wish to donate, please place the books in the donation bin in the Friendship Hall.
- **Summer Outreach Collections:** School Supplies for Gemma Services (July) and Chester Eastside (August). Requested items are: backpacks, pocket folders, composition or spiral notebooks, 12-count boxes of pencils, handheld erasers, glue sticks, boxes of colored pencils, or markers, and boxes of crayons.
- **Special Collection:** The Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry in Prospect Park is struggling to keep food on their shelves. Donations can be dropped off at 703 Lincoln Ave. Tuesdays from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and Thursdays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm You can also donate at: delcolloavesandfishes.org
- **Sight and Sound** payments are now being accepted. Give cash or checks (made out to RPPC with "Joshua" on the memo line) to Sue Endriss. We have 11 tickets remaining at \$150 each for the Saturday, September 26th matinee, lunch at Hershey's Farm, and transportation. The bus will leave RPPC at 10 am. Sign up today!
- **Prayer Ministry:** All are invited to join a ministry of prayer on Wednesdays at 1 pm in the parlor. We pray for our church, the world, and for individual concerns.

- **Staffing Change:** As Kim Mohr takes maternity leave for the next six months, please refer anything website related to Ryan Hesson, and anything social media related to Erin Lunde.

Opening Prayer

Song

Friend in Jesus

- 1 You don't need a Savior if you don't know sin and shame.
You don't need forgiveness when you've never walked away.
But this is my story, I'm a life made new. I'm the one who's been set free.

Chorus

*Oh, I have found a friend in Jesus. He is everything to me.
I have found a friend in Jesus. Yes, He is my everything.*

- 2 And I have a Shepherd who always keeps me safe.
And I found a healer who knows my every pain.
But this is my story of redeeming love. I have come to know Him well.

Repeat Chorus 2x

Bridge (2x)

*He walks with me, He talks with me and He tells me I am His own.
And the joy we share, what else compares? It's like nothing I've ever known.*

Tag

I can't believe it. I can't believe it.

Chorus 2x

*Oh, I have found a friend in Jesus. He is everything to me.
I have found a friend in Jesus. Yes, He is my everything*

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Song

There Is Freedom

- 1 When I'm walkin' through the valley, your presence is around me, cause nothin' stands
Between me and my God. And the fear that was my prison is no longer where I'm livin',
'Cause nothin' stands between me and my God. There is no place I go that He is not.

Chorus

*Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. We'll be dancin' through the darkness
'Cause we believe it. Every stronghold has to break at the name of Jesus
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*

- 2 When the ground below is shakin', my joy cannot be taken 'cause nothin' stands
Between me and my God. So I'm lookin' to Jesus through a veil that's torn to pieces
'Cause nothin' stands between me and my God. No!

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

Watch the lies break off; watch the enemy flee. Watch the walls come crumbling down
When the people of God sing. And hear the heavenly roar of every heart set free!
Hear the chains of shame hit the ground when the people of God sing!

Repeat Chorus

Children's Time

Pastor Jim

Unison Prayer of Confession

written by Rev. Julie Jensen

God of compassion and mercy, you sent us your son as the savior of the world and told us to love one another as much as you love us. Yet, we struggle to love each other. We have a hard time loving those who are not like us, who disagree with us, or who ask us to face the truth about ourselves. We struggle to love those we think are dirty, hungry, lost, or undesirable. You tell us that perfect love casts out fear, and yet we are still fearful -- for our safety, our wallets, and how others perceive us. Forgive us. Open our hearts so that we might receive your perfect love for us and offer it to the world.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Hymn #648

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling; All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion; Pure, unbounded love Thou art.
Visit us with Thy salvation; Enter every trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit; Let us find the promised rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all Thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.
- 4 Finish then Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee:
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

^{13:1} If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always

perseveres. ⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.... ¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Sermon: The Greatest of These

Pastor Thomas

Congregational Prayer

Song

God So Loved

- 1 Come all you weary, come all you thirsty. Come to the well that never runs dry.
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more.
- 2 Come all you sinners, come find His mercy. Come to the table; He will satisfy.
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for.

Chorus 1

*For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.*

- 3 Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross. Jesus is waiting there with open arms.

Chorus 2

*For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever. The power of hell forever defeated.
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom. For God so loved, God so loved the world.*

Bridge

Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His love.

Repeat Chorus 2

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Benediction

Closing Chorus

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