



**Sunday Morning Worship  
September 16, 2018**

# Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us for worship today. Please stop by the Welcome Table in the foyer - we would love to meet you! If you would like more information, please fill out one of the info cards on the table, refer to our print newsletter, *City This Month*, or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

We never get to the bottom of ourselves on our own. We discover who we are face to face and side by side with others in work, love and learning.

- Robert Bellah

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*Please speak to an usher or greeter if you have any questions about the nursery and children's programs.*

- *There is a nursery for children infant – 3 during the service.*
- *A Cry Room is available during the service off the foyer.*
- *During the service, children 4 – 7 have the option to be dismissed to attend Children's Church.*
- *Children's bulletins are available at the side table for those staying in service.*

# Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

## Call to Worship: I Peter 1:3-5, 22-25

*Please stand for the call to worship if you are able.*

Leader Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People **According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

Leader To an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

People **Who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time...**

Leader Love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;

People **For "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever."**

## Prayer of Invocation

# How Great Is Our God

*(Words & Music: Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves, & Chris Tomlin 2004)*

The splendor of the King  
Clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice  
All the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light  
And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice  
And trembles at His voice

*How great is our God  
Sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God*

And age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End  
Beginning and the End  
The Godhead three in one  
Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb  
The Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God

## How Great Thou Art

*(Words & Music: Carl G. Boberg & Stuart K. Hine 1949)*

Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees  
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

*Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee  
How great thou art, how great thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee  
How great thou art, how great thou art*

And when I think that God his son not sparing  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim my God, how great Thou art

**Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:44-45**

## Laden With Guilt

*(Music: Sandra McCracken 2001; Words: Isaac Watts 1766)*

Laden with guilt and full of fears,  
I fly to thee my Lord.  
And not a glimpse of hope appears,  
But in thy written word  
The volumes of my Father's grace,  
Does all my griefs assuage.  
Here I behold my Savior's face,  
In every page.

This is the field where hidden lies  
The pearl of price unknown.  
That merchant is divinely wise,  
Who makes the pearl his own.  
Here consecrated water flows,  
To quench my thirst of sin;  
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows,  
No danger dwells within.

This is the judge that ends the strife,  
Where wit and reason fail.  
My guide to everlasting life,  
Through all this gloomy vale.  
Oh may thy counsels, mighty God,  
My roving feet command,  
Nor I forsake the happy road  
That leads to thy right hand.

## **Call to Confession: 1 Peter 1:16-19**

It is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Father, you sent Jesus to give freedom to the captives. We confess that our natural state is to live in captivity. We are naturally enslaved to our own desires and the approval of others. Christ has given us a new calling, a new identity and new righteousness. But, still we find ourselves returning to serve sin.

We pray that the freedom of Christ would increasingly rule in our lives. May we be free to live for your glory in all things. Help us to see that all that we do and say is before your face. Help us to live in ways that are fitting for people who have been ransomed by the precious blood of Jesus. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 2:9-10**

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## **Testimony: Crystal Moran**

## **Corporate Prayer**

# Song of Renewal

*During this song we will pass offering bags through the congregation. We ask that our members and regular attendees will thoughtfully consider their contribution as an act of worship - a response to God's grace in our lives. Those who are not a regular part of our church are not expected to participate in the offering.*

## I Want To Know You

*(Words & Music: James Proctor, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, & Rich Thompson 2016)*

I've tried in vain a thousand ways  
My fears to quell my hopes to raise  
But what I need your word has said  
Is ever only Jesus

You died you live you reign you plead  
There's love in all your words and deeds  
This weary heart finds all it needs  
In ever only Jesus

*I want to know you Jesus my Lord  
King of the Heavens king of my soul  
I trade my treasure and all my rewards  
Jesus to know you then know you more*

Though some should curse me for your name  
I have no fear I have no shame  
You stand with me for all my days  
My ever only Jesus

Like wave after wave on the ocean  
Like all of the sand on the shore  
Your beauty and glory are endless  
O Jesus I must know you more

## Pastoral Prayer

*At this time, children ages 4-7 may be dismissed for children's church. The leaders will bring the children to children's church and then back to the worship service after the sermon.*

## Sermon: Hebrews 10:19-25

### 2018 Core Value Sermons

#### Part 2: "The Importance of Meeting Together" - Reverend Matt Koerber

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**T**herefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



## Additional Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 / ...there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

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Ephesians 4:1-6 / I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit-- just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call--one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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## Credal Response: Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. § The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,\* the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

§ Christ suffered God's wrath on the cross

\* Universal church

# Songs of Thanksgiving

*Please stand for the final songs if you are able.*

## **We Will Feast in the House of Zion**

*(Words & Music: Sandra McCracken 2015)*

*We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the Lord our God  
We are not consumed, by the flood  
Upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night, before the dawn  
My soul, be not afraid  
For the promised morning, oh how long?  
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the Faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together, bring shalom.

## Psalm 100 (All People)

*(Words: William Kethe 1500's; Music: Louis Bourgeois 1510)*

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell;  
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;  
Without our aid He did us make;  
We are His flock, He doth us feed,  
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise;  
Approach with joy His courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good;  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

## Prayer

## Announcements

*At the beginning of announcements parents are dismissed to pick up their children from nursery.*

## Benediction

***Tonight's Evening Service: Dave Snoke will preach "God's Justice" from Psalm 94.***

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*All scripture verses are the English Standard Version (ESV), unless otherwise noted.*