



Sunday Evening Service
September 25, 2022

"He again calls the Corinthians to unity, by reminding them that all have derived from one fountain whatever they possess, while he instructs them, at the same time, that no one has so much as to have enough within himself, so as not to require help from others."

-John Calvin

Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us for worship this evening. If you would like more information, please contact us at office@cityreformed.org or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Joe Stehle

Call to Worship: Psalm 68:4-6,19-20

Please stand for the Call to Worship if you are able.

Leader Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;

People **His name is the LORD; exult before him!**

Leader Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

People **God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.**

Leader Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.

People **Our God is a God of salvation, and to God, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.**

Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 90 | O God Our Help in Ages Past

(Words: Reginald Heber 1826; Music: John Bacchus Dykes 1823-76)

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

*O God You are
You are our help You are our helper
To all generations You will be
Forever and ever
Our Shield and our Eternal Hope
O Lord You are the Ancient of Days
And worthy of our praise*

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Ubi Caritas - Matthew 25:40

(Music: Taizé "Ubi Caritas" 1978)

Ubi caritas et amor
Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est

Where there is charity, selfless love
Where there is charity, surely God is there.

Call to Confession: Ezekiel 36:22-23

"Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.

Prayer of Confession:

Our gracious Heavenly Father, at the center of all of our sins is a heart problem. We confess the ways we try to force ourselves into obedience by metaphorical back-whipping, by heaping shame upon ourselves, by embracing ignorance, and by cheapening your grace. Father, take our hearts of stone and make them into hearts of flesh. Change us to our core in order that our obedience may follow. Help us to not just feel sorry for our sins, but to take active steps towards obedience. Thank you for life changing grace, we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Ezekiel 36:24-26

I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Please direct giving online or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).

Psalm 130 | From Depths of Woe

(Words: Martin Luther 1524; Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

From the depths of woe I raise to thee
The voice of lamentation;
Lord turn a gracious ear to me
And hear my supplication;
If thou iniquities dost mark
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark
Oh who shall stand before thee? (echo) 2x

To wash away the crimson stain
Grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas, are all in vain;
In much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in thy sight
All must alike confess thy might
And live alone by mercy (echo) 2x

Therefore my trust is in the Lord,
On him my soul shall rest, his word
Upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort,
My comfort, and my sweet support
I wait for it with patience (echo) 2x

What though I wait the livelong night
And 'til the dawn appeareth;
My heart still trusteth in his might;
It doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus oh ye of Israel's seed,
Ye of the Spirit born indeed
And wait 'til God appeareth (echo) 2x

Though great our sins and sore our woes,
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows,
Our utmost need it soundeth.
Our shepherd good and true is he,
Who will at last his Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow (echo) 2x

Scripture & Homily

1 Corinthians 12:1-13

"Spiritual Gifts"

- Reverend Joseph Bianco

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

1 Corinthians 6:11 / And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 12:30 / Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

1 Corinthians 13:1 / If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

1 Corinthians 14:19 / Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

Ephesians 2:11-12 / Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Jesus with Thy Church Abide

(Words: Thomas Pollock 1871; Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

Jesus, with Thy Church abide,
Be her Savior, Lord, and Guide,
While on earth her faith is tried:
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

Bid her strife and envy cease,
Grant the lovely gift of peace:
All her dreadful sin release.
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

May her lamp of truth be bright,
Bid her bear aloft its light
Through the realms of endless night:
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

Keep her life and doctrine pure,
Grant her, patient, to endure,
Trusting in Thy promise sure:
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

May she one in doctrine be,
One in truth and charity,
Winning all to faith in Thee:
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

May she guide the poor and blind,
Seek the lost until she find,
And the broken hearted bind:
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

May she thus all glorious be,
Spotless and from sin borne free,
Pure and bright, bring praise to Thee:
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

Benediction