



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**January 5, 2020**

# 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 know the treacherous path that others take to arrive in the pew that we share each Sunday."

- Rosaria Butterfield

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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.*
- *Cry Room space is available during the service off the foyer and Board Room.*
- *Children's bulletins are available at the side table for those staying in service.*
- *During the sermon, children 4 – 7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church.*

# Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

## Call to Worship: 1 Jn. 4:7-12

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

Leader Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

People **Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.**

Leader In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

People **In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

Leader Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

People **No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.**

## Prayer of Invocation

### O God of Our Salvation

*(Words & Music: Michael Bleecker & Matt Boswell 2009)*

O God of our salvation  
Who reigns upon the throne  
The sov'reign Father great is He  
From Whom all blessings flow

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*O God of our salvation  
From Whom redemption comes  
O Father Son and Spirit  
The blessed Three in One*

Behold the Son our Savior  
Who for our sin was slain  
The Christ Who purchased with His blood  
The wretched souls of men

O God the Holy Spirit  
Revealing deity  
The fount of life and love divine  
Throughout eternity

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Who reigns upon the throne  
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## **Angels From The Realms Of Glory**

*(Words: James Montgomery 1816; Music: Henry T. Smart 1867)*

Angels from the realms of glory  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth  
Ye who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth

*Come and worship come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King*

Shepherds in the fields abiding  
Watching o'er your flocks by night  
God with man is now residing  
Yonder shines the infant Light

Sages leave your contemplations  
Brighter visions beam afar  
Seek the great Desire of nations  
Ye have seen His natal star

Saints before the altar bending  
Watching long in hope and fear  
Suddenly the Lord descending  
In His temple shall appear

Sinners, wrung with true repentance,  
Doomed for guilt and endless pains,  
Justice yet revokes the sentence,  
Mercy now has freed your chains.

All creation join in praising  
God the Father Spirit Son  
Evermore your voices raising  
To eternal Three in One

## Scripture Reading: L???

### Living Stones | 1 Peter 2:1-12

*(Words & Music: Daniel Snoko 2019)*

May you keep your actions noble  
May your neighbors see your love  
When they speak about your failure  
May they see good deeds and give God glory

*For you,  
You have been chosen to be God's holy people  
That he builds  
Into his house like living stones  
Full of the Spirit of Peace*

If you've seen that God is precious  
If you've tasted that he's good  
If your passion wars with your spirit  
Keep your sojourn holy with God's beloved

Come to him, the stone rejected  
Come to him and offer your life  
Put away your envy and slander  
Come to Christ and build on the Stone of Zion

His mercy called you  
From darkness into his glory  
The day of the Lord will come

## **Call to Confession: Colossians 3:12-13**

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Father, you are perfect in holiness and you dwell in unapproachable light. Our every desire is darkened by sin and even our best deeds are far from perfect. Show us Christ our savior, our righteousness, and our Lord. Give us faith to rest in him.

You have called us your children and you have called us to be holy. We can't be holy on our own. We cannot purify our own hearts and we lack strength to do what is right continually. Show us the power of your Spirit to make dead things live. Give us grace to turn from sin and walk each step with Jesus. You have promised that you will finish this work and make us new in Jesus. But, our hope is often dim as our minds are darkened by the temptations and failures of this present age. Show us the glory of who we will be in Christ. Give us hope that we might think and live differently. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 3:1**

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

## **Corporate Prayer**

# Song of Renewal

*As offering bags are passed, we ask that members and regular attendees consider contributing as an act of worship. Those who are not a regular part of our church are not expected to participate.*

## My Jesus I Love Thee

*(Words: William Featherston 1864; Music: Adoniram Gordon 1876)*

My Jesus I love Thee I know Thou art mine  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign  
My gracious Redeemer my Savior art Thou  
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow  
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

I'll love Thee in life I will love Thee in death  
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath  
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow  
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

In mansions of glory and endless delight  
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow  
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

## Pastoral Prayer

*At this time, children ages 4-7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. The leaders will bring the children to Children's Church and then back to the worship service after the sermon.*

## Sermon: Matthew 7:1-12

"Trusting God, Loving Others" - Reverend Matt Koerber

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**J**udge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup>For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. <sup>3</sup>Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? <sup>5</sup>You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye. <sup>6</sup>Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

<sup>7</sup>"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>9</sup>Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup>Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? <sup>11</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

<sup>12</sup>"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."

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Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



# Songs of Communion

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

## May the Mind of Christ My Savior

*(Words: Kate Wilkinson 1925; Music: Daniel Snoko 2018)*

May the mind of Christ my Savior  
Live in me from day to day  
By his love and pow'r controlling  
All I do, all I say.

May the Word of God dwell richly  
In my heart from hour' to hour  
So that all may see I triumph  
Only through his love and pow'r  
Only through his love and pow'r.

May the love of Jesus fill me  
As the waters fill the sea.  
Him exalting, self removing,  
This is my victory.  
May the peace of God, my father,  
Rule my life in ev'rything,  
That I may be quick to comfort  
All the sick and sorrowing,  
All the sick and sorrowing.

May his beauty rest upon me,  
As I seek the lost to win,  
And may they forget the channel,  
Seeing him, only him.  
May I run the race before me,  
Strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus  
As I onward with him go,  
As I onward with him go.

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## Psalm 104 | Rejoice in All Your Works

*(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2014)*

Every mouth that cries for food,  
Every lung that yearns for breath,  
Every eye that searches through the dark for light—  
All creation looks to you  
For its breath and for its food.  
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

*Oh rejoice in all your works,  
King of Heaven, King of Earth!  
Every creature you have made declares your praise.  
We rejoice in all you've made,  
God of all-sustaining grace!  
With the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise!*

Every tree that thirsts for rain,  
Every bird that seeks its nest,  
Every heart that waits in hope to be made glad—  
All creation looks to you  
For its breath and for its food.  
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied

May the pond'rings of my heart,  
And the song upon my lips,  
With the chorus of creation join in praise:  
To the God who made all things,  
To the Spirit who sustains,  
To the Son who over all creation reigns!

## Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

*(Words: Liturgy of St. James 4th Century; Melody: 17th Century French; Arrangement: Daniel Snoke 2011)*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded,  
For with blessing in His hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
Our full homage to demand.

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King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood;  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way,  
As the Light of light descendeth  
From the realms of endless day,  
That the powers of hell may vanish  
As the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six winged seraph,  
Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence,  
As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!

## **Doxology**

*(Words: Thomas Ken 1674; Music: Louis Bourgeois 1510)*

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.                      Amen.

## **Prayer**

## **Announcements**

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

## **Benediction**

***Tonight's Ethiopia Team Commissioning Service: Reverend Bill Johnson will be preaching "Motivations From Christ for Our Mission" on Acts 6:15; 7:2, 30-33, 54-56.***