



**Sunday Evening Service**  
**November 24, 2019**

# Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us for worship today. Please feel free to stick around after the service and ask questions about who we are and what we do! If you would like more information, please refer to our print newsletter, *City This Month*, or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

Give me the storm and tempest of thought and action, rather than the dead calm of ignorance and faith! Banish me from Eden when you will; but first let me eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge!

- Robert G. Ingersoll

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM  
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# Worship Service

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Sunday Evening Worship – November 24, 2019

Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

## Call to Worship: Psalm 1

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

Leader Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

People **But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.**

Leader He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

People **The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

Leader Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

People **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## Behold Our God

(Words & Music: Jonathan, Meghan, & Ryan Beird, & Stephen Altrogge 2011)

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

*Behold our God, seated on His throne  
Come, let us adore Him  
Behold our King, nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

## All Things New

(Words: Horatius Bonar 1779; David & Daniel Snoke 2018; Music: Clint Wells 2009)

Come Lord and tarry not  
Bring the long-looked-for day  
O why these years of waiting here  
These ages of delay?

Come for your saints still wait  
Daily ascends their sigh  
The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come;"  
Do you not hear our cry?

*O come and make all things new  
Come and make all things new  
Come and make all things new  
Build up this broken earth  
Come and make all things new  
All things new*

Come for creation groans  
Impatient while you stay  
Worn out in labor pains of hope  
Still bound by earth's decay

Come for love waxes cold  
Its steps are faint and slow  
Our faith is pressed by unbelief  
Hope's lamp burns dim and low

## **Catechism Readings: Westminster Shorter Catechism**

Q 12. What special act of providence did God exercise toward mankind in the state in which the first man was created?

**A. When God had created the man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, on condition of perfect obedience, forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, on the pain of death.**

Q. 13. Did our first parents continue in the state in which they were created?

**A. Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the state in which they were created by sinning against God.**

Q. 14. What is sin?

**A. Sin is any lack of conformity to, or transgression of, the law of God.**

Q. 15. What was the sin by which our first parents fell from the state in which they were created?

**A. The sin by which our first parents fell from the state in which they were created was their eating the forbidden fruit.**

## **Call to Confession: Romans 6:1-2, 12-14**

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ...Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

## **Prayer of Confession: Psalm 51:1-2, 7-12**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! ...Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: 1 Corinthians 15:20-22**

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

## **Corporate Prayer**

# Song of Renewal

*We do not take a formal offering in our evening service. If you feel led to contribute as an act of worship, an offering box is available in the back corner of the sanctuary.*

## My All in Thee

*(Words: adapted from Charles Wesley; Music: Eric J. Marshall 2012)*

When gracious Lord when shall it be  
That earth will find her all in Thee  
The fullness of Thy promise prove  
Seal me with Thy eternal love

Thee only Thee I'm fain to find  
I cast the world and sin behind  
O my Redeemer hear this plea  
And let me find my all in Thee

*Show me Your way my love my Lord  
Draw me to grace so strong and sure  
I run to Your mercy where I am free  
Let me find my all in Thee*

Lord I am blind be Thou my sight  
Lord I am weak be Thou my might  
A helper of the helpless be  
And let me find my all in Thee

Please mend my soul my frame my life  
A contrite heart Thou won't despise  
Take now this pain and misery  
And let me find my all in Thee

## Pastoral Prayer

### Additional Scripture

Leviticus 5:17 / "If anyone sins, doing any of the things that by the LORD's commandments ought not to be done, though he did not know it, then realizes his guilt, he shall bear his iniquity."

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James 2:10 / For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

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## Sermon: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-13

"The Slipperiest of Slopes" - Reverend Nameun Cho

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The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." ...

<sup>3:1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loicloths.

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>And he said, "I heard the



sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

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Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Communion

*City Reformed Church invites all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sins and trust Christ alone for salvation, and who are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. Parents with non-comuning children are encouraged to bring their children forward during communion. The elders will lay a hand on their head and briefly pray for them as they serve you.*

*Communion will be served by elders to several people at a time at the front of the church. When you are ready, please proceed up using the left aisle. At the ushers' guidance, you may move forward to receive the elements as a group. Please return to your seat using the right aisle.*

*Communion is served with wine and with grape juice. The wine is placed in the outer circle of the communion tray, and the grape juice is placed in the inner circle. The bread is gluten-free.*

## Songs of Communion

### 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*

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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 51:10-12 | Create in Me**

*(Words & Music: Keith Green 1984)*

Create in me a clean heart, oh God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, oh Lord.  
Take not thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation.  
And renew a right spirit within me

## **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**

## **Benediction**