



Sunday Evening Service
February 16, 2020

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 Move*, or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Reflections

"As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

- Genesis 50:20-21

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
Winchester Thurston School
Entrance: 5059 Ellsworth Ave.
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Sunday Evening Worship Service

6:00PM
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Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church
Sunday Evening Worship – February 16, 2020
Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

Call to Worship: Psalm 68:4-10

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; his name is the LORD; exult before him!

People **Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.**

Leader O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.

People **Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad; you restored your inheritance as it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**

Prayer of Invocation

No Longer Slaves

(Words & Music: Jonathan David Helser & Melissa Helser 2014)

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

*I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God*

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From my Mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins

You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing, I am a child of God

Psalm 9 | Hope of the Poor

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2015)

The Lord is a home for all the oppressed
In times of trouble and need.
To all who will come and trust in His name,
A refuge and strength He will be.

*The needy will not be forsaken,
and the hope of the poor will not die;
For God who is mighty in judgment
Does not forget their cry!*

Arise, O my Lord and answer my call;
My heart cries out to be heard!
I've no other hope than your gracious love;
I trust and cling to your word.

The Lord has heard our cry! The Lord has heard our cry!
The Lord has not forsaken us; The Lord has heard our cry!

So sing out to God who sits on the throne,
Proclaim his marvelous ways!
Our rescue has come! For all he has done,
We offer our lives in praise!

Catechism Readings: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q 32. What benefits do those who are effectually called partake of in this life?

A. Those who are effectually called partake in this life of *justification, adoption and sanctification*, and the various benefits which either accompany or flow from them in this life.

Q. 34. What is adoption?

A. Adoption is an act of God's free grace by which we are received into the number of the sons of God and have a right to all the privileges of them.

Call to Confession: Romans 8:12-14

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

Prayer of Confession

Father, you have called us and forgiven us. You have adopted us into your own family – even at the cost of your own Son. You have given us your Spirit and called us into your presence. And yet we find ourselves living like orphans. We look for comfort and control in the idols we have made. We are slow to trust and quick to fear. Renew our hearts, O God. Increase our faith and make us quick to depend on you – our heavenly Father. Glorify yourself by demonstrating your sufficiency in caring for your children. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:15-17

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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.

Arise My Soul Arise

(Words & Music: Charles Wesley 1742; Music: Kevin Twit 1996)

Arise my soul, arise,
Shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice
On my behalf appears.
Before the throne my surety stands,
Before the throne my surety stands,
My name is written on his hands.

He ever lives above,
For me to intercede.
His all redeeming love,
His precious blood to plead.
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Arise Echo: Arise
Arise Echo: Arise
Arise All: Arise my soul, arise
(Repeat)
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

Five bleeding wounds he bears,
Received on Calvary.
They pour effectual prayers,
They strongly plead for me.
Forgive him, O forgive they cry.
Forgive him, O forgive they cry,
Don't let that ransomed sinner die.

My God is reconciled,
His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for his child,
I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Exodus 2:1-10

"Adoption out of Slavery" - Reverend Nameun Cho

Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. ³When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. ⁴And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. ⁵Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" ⁸And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. ¹⁰When the child grew older, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "Because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Galatians 4:1-7 / I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Ephesians 1:3-6 / Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

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-communing 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

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

(Words & Music: Franz Joseph Haydn and John Newton)

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for His own abode;
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes. _____

See the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove;
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?-
Grace which like the Lord the Giver,
Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring,
Showing that the Lord is near:
Thus they march the pillar leading
Light by night and shade by day,
Daily on the manna feeding
Which He gives them when they pray.

Savior since of Zion's city
I thro' grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Thy name:
Fading is the world's best pleasure,
All its boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures
None but Zion's children know.

O Come To The Altar

(Words & Music: Christopher Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, and Wade Joye 2015)

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

*O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

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Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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. (repeat) Amen

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Please join us for a time of fellowship after the worship service. If you would like to contact a pastor, please email joseph@cityreformed.org.

Life Together

Additional detail can be found on: cityreformed.org/events.

Men's Retreat Fri 2/28 - Sat 2/29 <i>Ligonier Camp & Conf Ctr</i> Sign up by TODAY	Rev. Dr. Jack Kinneer, PCA pastor and adjunct professor of New Testament at RPTS and PCA pastor, will be speaking on "Loving God's Word - A Reformed Perspective." Register online by TODAY! crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events
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