



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**March 8, 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

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

- Revelation 21:3-5a

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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 (Rooms 112 & 114).*
- *A Cry Room is available in the Sr Dining Room and the Nook. For a more private space, Room G10 can be used as a Nursing Lounge during service.*
- *Children's bulletins are available in the foyer for those staying in service.*
- *During the sermon, children 4 – 7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church (Room G8).*

# Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

## Call to Worship: Isaiah 2:2-5

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

**Leader** It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,

**People** **And many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."**

**Leader** For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

**People** **He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples;**

**Leader** And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

**People** **O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## O The Deep Deep Love of Jesus

*(Words: Samuel T. Francis 1800's; Music: Thomas J. Williams 1890)*

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless free.  
Rolling as a mighty ocean  
In its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me,  
Is the current of Thy love.  
Leading onward, leading homeward,  
To thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Spread His praise from shore to shore.  
How He loveth, ever loveth,  
Changeth never, never more.  
How he watches o'er his loved ones,  
Died to call them all his own.  
How for them he intercedeth,  
Watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Love of every love the best.  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,  
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me.  
And it lifts me up to glory,  
For it lifts me up to thee.

**Lenten Scripture Reading:** Psalm 59:1-2, 8-10

## **Stay With Me | Matthew 26:38**

*(Words & Music: Taize - Words of Jesus)*

Stay with me, remain here with me  
Watch and pray, watch and pray.

## **Psalm 27 | The Everlasting**

*(Words & Music: Fellowship Church 2010)*

The Lord is my light and salvation  
Whom shall I fear, of whom shall I be afraid?  
The Lord is the strength of my life,  
Whom shall I fear, of whom shall I be afraid?

I will wait for you, I will wait for you.  
I will wait for you, I will wait for you.

I will remain confident in this  
I will see the goodness of the Lord  
I will remain confident in this  
I will see the goodness of the Lord

We set our hope on You.  
We set our hope on Your love.  
We set our hope on the Lord,  
Who is the everlasting God.  
You are the everlasting God.

## **Call to Confession: 1 John 1:7**

...If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Heavenly Father we confess this truth: You are light and in you no darkness can dwell. Yet Lord we acknowledge that even as children of the light, we still delight in darkness; we still run after the things our sinful heart's desire. We stumble around blindly after things that do not satisfy, and things that cause us destruction. O Savior we desire to live in the light; to be in fellowship with you! Oh God forgive us for our fickle hearts; forgive our sin, we ask. Help us! Change us! By your Spirit, draw us into the light that we might stand as radiant reflections of you in this dark world. For we ask these things through the Light of the World, your son and our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 3:2**

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

### **Membership Vows: Jon & Beka Fisher**

Ian & Hannah Jackson

## **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.*

## All Things New

*(Words: Horatius Bonar 1779; 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

## Pastoral Prayer

*At this time, children ages 4-7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. Teachers will meet your children in the auditorium foyer to safely escort them. Parents please pick up your children from Children's Church after the sermon.*

## Sermon: Zechariah 8:1-23

### Zechariah 1-8: Visions for Hopeful Building

"The Good Place" - Reverend Matt Koerber

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And the word of the LORD of hosts came, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Thus says the LORD of hosts: I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great wrath. <sup>3</sup>Thus says the LORD: I have returned to Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem, and Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city, and the mountain of the LORD of hosts, the holy mountain. <sup>4</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with staff in hand because of great age. <sup>5</sup>And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets. <sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: If it is marvelous in the sight of the remnant of this people in those days, should it also be marvelous in my sight, declares the LORD of hosts? <sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: Behold, I will save my people from the east country and from the west country, <sup>8</sup>and I will bring them to dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in faithfulness and in righteousness."

<sup>9</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Let your hands be strong, you who in these days have been hearing these words from the mouth of the prophets who were present on the day that the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built. <sup>10</sup>For before those days there was no wage for man or any wage for beast, neither was there any safety from the foe for him who went out or came in, for I set every man against his neighbor. <sup>11</sup>But now I will not deal with the remnant of this people as in the former days, declares the LORD of hosts. <sup>12</sup>For there shall be a sowing of peace. The vine shall give its fruit, and the ground shall give its produce, and the heavens shall give their dew. And I will cause the remnant

of this people to possess all these things. <sup>13</sup>And as you have been a byword of cursing among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so will I save you, and you shall be a blessing. Fear not, but let your hands be strong."

<sup>14</sup>For thus says the LORD of hosts: "As I purposed to bring disaster to you when your fathers provoked me to wrath, and I did not relent, says the LORD of hosts, <sup>15</sup>so again have I purposed in these days to bring good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah; fear not. <sup>16</sup>These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another; render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace; <sup>17</sup>do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath, for all these things I hate, declares the LORD."

<sup>18</sup>And the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying, <sup>19</sup>"Thus says the LORD of hosts: The fast of the fourth month and the fast of the fifth and the fast of the seventh and the fast of the tenth shall be to the house of Judah seasons of joy and gladness and cheerful feasts. Therefore love truth and peace.

<sup>20</sup>"Thus says the LORD of hosts: Peoples shall yet come, even the inhabitants of many cities. <sup>21</sup>The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, 'Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the LORD and to seek the LORD of hosts; I myself am going.' <sup>22</sup>Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: In those days ten men from the nations of every tongue shall take hold of the robe of a Jew, saying, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'"

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Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Additional Scripture

Zechariah 7:8-10 / And the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, saying, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart."

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Matthew 4:17, 5:14-16 / From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand... You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

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## Scriptural Response: Revelation 22:20-21

Leader He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Leader The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.

People **Amen.**

# Songs of Thanksgiving

*Please stand for the final songs if you are able. Parents please pick up your children from Children's Church.*

## Isaiah 2 | Come Let Us Walk In The Light

*(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke 2019)*

Come to the mountain of the LORD  
A home for the nations  
Come to the hill above all hills  
Greater than kingdoms  
Peoples from all the earth will flow  
Into his presence

*Come let us walk in the light of the LORD.  
Come let us walk in the light of the LORD.*

Let us go up to meet with God  
And follow his pathway  
Let the LORD teach us in the word  
That goes out from Zion  
The Law of the LORD will be the light  
That leads us to worship

Bring your dispute before the LORD  
And look for his justice  
Bring to our God your love for war  
Replace it with mercy  
Nations will lay their weapons down  
And take up forgiveness

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## **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.

## **Prayer**

## **Announcements**

*At the beginning of announcements, parents please pick up your children from nursery.*

## **Benediction**

***Tonight's Evening Service: Reverend Joseph Bianco will be preaching  
"To Live Is Christ, to Die Is Gain" on Philippians 1:12-28a.***