



Sunday Evening Worship
April 28, 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.

Reflections

We are living in a culture entirely hypnotized by the illusion of time, in which the so-called present moment is felt as nothing but an infinitesimal hairline between an all-powerfully causative past and an absorbingly important future. We have no present.

- Alan Wilson Watts

It's being here now that's important. There's no past and there's no future. Time is a very misleading thing. All there is ever, is the now.

- George Harrison

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
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Sunday Evening Worship Service

6:30PM
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Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

Call to Worship: Psalm 24:1-6

Please stand for the call to worship if you are able.

Leader The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

People **For he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.**

Leader Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

People **He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.**

Leader He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

People **Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Prayer of Invocation

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

(Words: Joachim Neander 1680; Translator: Catherine Winkworth 1863; Music: Anonymous 1665)

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him for
He is thy health and salvation!

*All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.*

Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!

*Hast thou not seen
How all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?*

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.
Surely His goodness and
Mercy here daily attend thee.

*Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee.*

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him.

*Let the Amen
Sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.*

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:35-40

Oh Lord You're Beautiful

(Words & Music: Keith Green)

Oh Lord You're beautiful
Your face is all I seek
And when Your eyes are on this child
Your grace abounds to me

Oh Lord, You're merciful
Your love is all we need
And when Your love is with your church
Forgiveness we receive.

Call to Confession: Ephesians 4:17, 20, 21b-24

Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds... But that is not the way you learned Christ! ...as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Prayer of Confession

Father, you have created us and redeemed us. You have carried us through the trials and difficulties of life. You promise to bring us to a glorious new world. Yet, our eyes are often clouded by immediate troubles and momentary disappointments. We quickly lose perspective and often find ourselves given to despair. Teach us to remember your past faithfulness. Forgive our self-centered focus, our complaining spirit and our impatience. Give us the vision to see our glorious future and strengthen our hope. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 2:4-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Song of Renewal

Psalm 126

(Words & Music: Isaac Wardell 2012)

Our mouths, they were filled,
Filled with laughter;
Our tongues, they were loosed,
Loosed with joy.
Restore us, O Lord!
Restore us, O Lord!

*Although we are weeping,
Lord help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your Kingdom
For the day You will reap them.
Your sheaves we will carry;
Lord, please do not tarry!
All those who sow weeping
Will go out with songs of joy.*

The nations will say
"He has done great things!"
The nations will sing
Songs of joy.
Restore us, O Lord!
Restore us, O Lord!

Corporate & Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: 1 Peter 4:1-11

"Living in the Present" - Reverend Nameun Cho

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, ²so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. ³For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. ⁴With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; ⁵but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.

⁷The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Romans 13:11-12 / Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

2 Corinthians 5:17 / Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:21 / For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Philippians 4:4-7 / Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

James 5:8 / You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Your Labor Is Not In Vain

(Words & Music: Isaac Wardell, Paul Zach, and Wendell Kimbrough 2017)

Your labor is not in vain
Though the ground underneath you
Is cursed and stained
Your planting and reaping are never the same
But your labor is not in vain

Your labor is not unknown
Though the rocks they cry out
And the sea it may groan
The place of your toil may not seem like a home
But your labor is not unknown

*For I am with you I am with you
I am with you I am with you
For I have called you
Called you by name
Your labor is not in vain*

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit
The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth
For all that is old will at last be made new
The vineyards you plant will bear fruit

The houses you labor to build
Will fina'ly with laughter and joy be filled
The serpent that hurts and destroys will be killed
And all that is broken be healed

Prayer

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