

## 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

The Sabbath rest of God is the acknowledgement that God and God's people in the world are not commodities to be dispatched in endless production and so dispatched, as we used to say, as "hands" in the service of a command economy. Rather they are subjects situated in an economy of neighborliness. All of that is implicit in the reality and exhibit of divine rest.

- Walter Bruggeman

### **About Us**

**Sunday Morning Worship Service** 

10:15AM Twentieth Century Club 4201 Bigelow Blvd. Pittsburgh, PA 15213 (Oakland)

#### **Sunday Evening Worship Service**

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# Worship Service

**City Reformed Presbyterian Church** Sunday Evening Worship – October 14, 2018

Presider: Elder Andy Alexander

### Call to Worship: Psalm 62:1-2, 5-8

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

Leader For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

People He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

Leader For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

People He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

Leader On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

People Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

## Prayer of Invocation

#### Psalm 100 (All People)

(Words: William Kethe 1500's; Music: Louis Bourgeois 1510)

All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice. Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell; Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make; We are His flock, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take. O enter then His gates with praise; Approach with joy His courts unto; Praise, laud, and bless His Name always, For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good; His mercy is for ever sure; His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

## Scripture Reading: Psalm 23:1-3

#### Arise My Soul Arise

(Words: 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.

### Call to Confession: Isaiah 44:21-22

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. And yet we confess that we have been restless. We have pursued other sources of life, sometimes doing things we ought not do, other times failing to do the good we ought to do. We have worked too much for our own gain, and too little for your glory. We have failed to rest in the assurance of your kingly rule, and have instead sought to take matters into our own hands. As a result, we are overworked, under-satisfied, and downright weary. Lord, in your mercy, forgive our sins, heal our wounds, and put an end to our restless wandering. Lead us now to find our rest in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 44:23

Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it; shout, O depths of the earth; break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel.

## Song of Renewal

#### 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 finally with laughter and joy be filled
The serpent that hurts and destroys will be killed
And all that is broken be healed

## Corporate & Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Matthew 11:25-30

"True Rest" - Dave Nameun Cho

A t that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## Additional Scripture

Genesis 2:1-3 / Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

Exodus 20:1-2 / And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."

Exodus 20:8-11 / "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Mark 2:27-28 / And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

Hebrews 4:9-11 / So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

## Songs of Thanksgiving

#### Jesus I Am Resting Resting

(Words & Music: David Hampton & Jean Sophia Pigott 1998)

Jesus I am resting resting
In the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee
And Thy beauty fills my soul
For by Thy transforming power
Thou hast made me whole

Jesus I am resting resting In the joy of what Thou art I am finding out the greatness Of Thy loving heart

Oh how great Thy loving kindness Vaster broader than the sea Oh how marvelous Thy goodness Lavished all on me Yes I rest in Thee Beloved Know what wealth of grace is Thine Know Thy certainty of promise And have made it mine

Simply trusting Thee Lord Jesus
I behold Thee as Thou art
And Thy love so pure so changeless
Satisfies my heart
Satisfies its deepest longings
Meets supplies its ev'ry need
For he wraps me 'round with blessings
Thine is love indeed

Ever lift Thy face upon me
As I work and wait for Thee
Resting 'neath Thy smile Lord Jesus
Earth's dark shadows flee
Brightness of my Father's glory
Sunshine of my Father's face
Keep me ever trusting resting
Fill me with Thy grace

#### Lion And The Lamb

(Words & Music: Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, & Leeland Mooring 2015)

He's coming on the clouds Kings and kingdoms will bow down And every chain will break As broken hearts declare His praise For who can stop the Lord almighty

Our God is the Lion
The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him

Our God is the Lamb
The Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world
His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
And every knee will bow before Him

So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
Our God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord almighty

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## Prayer

### **Announcements**

### **Benediction**

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