



Sunday Morning Worship
November 25, 2018

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.

Reflections

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.

- Jesus (The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 5, verses 14-16)

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.*
- *A Cry Room is available during the service off the foyer.*
- *During the service, children 4 – 7 have the option to be dismissed to attend Children's Church.*
- *Children's bulletins are available at the side table for those staying in service.*

Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Andy Leuenberger

Call to Worship: Titus 2:11-14

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

Leader For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,

People **Training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions,
and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the
present age,**

Leader Waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our
great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

People **Who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness
and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who
are zealous for good works.**

Prayer of Invocation

Rejoice In All Your Works - Psalm 104

(Words & Music: Leslie Jordan, Kyle Lee, and David Leonard 2012)

Every mouth that cries for food,
Every lung that yearns for breath,
Every eye that searches through the dark for light—
All creation looks to you
For its breath and for its food.
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

*Oh rejoice in all your works,
King of Heaven, King of Earth!
Every creature you have made declares your praise.
We rejoice in all you've made,
God of all-sustaining grace!
With the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise!*

Every tree that thirsts for rain,
Every bird that seeks its nest,
Every heart that waits in hope to be made glad—
All creation looks to you
For its breath and for its food.
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied

May the pond'rings of my heart,
And the song upon my lips,
With the chorus of creation join in praise:
To the God who made all things,
To the Spirit who sustains,
To the Son who over all creation reigns!

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:1-5

Take My Life and Let It Be

(Words: Frances R. Havergal 1874; Music: Henri A. Cesar Malan 1823)

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise. (2x)

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee. (2x)

Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee. (2x)

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. (2x)

Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne. (2x)

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee. (2x)

Bless The Lord (Psalm 103:1)

(Words & Music: Taizé: Jacques Berthier 1923-1994)

Bless the Lord, my soul
And bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul
Who leads me into life

Call to Confession: Titus 3:1-3

Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.

Prayer of Confession

Lord, I want to do what is good, not just so I can escape punishment, or be seen by others as good, but because it really is good. And yet I constantly fail to do what is good by your standards. I do not seek justice. I have little concern for the oppressed. I seldom speak or act for the orphan or widow, because I am preoccupied with my own concerns.

I ask you to forgive me, Lord, for I cannot cleanse myself. I ask you to change my heart. Teach me, Lord, to love what you love. Help me, Lord, to love how you love.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

During this song we will pass offering bags through the congregation. We ask that our members and regular attendees will thoughtfully consider their contribution as an act of worship - a response to God's grace in our lives. Those who are not a regular part of our church are not expected to participate in the offering.

I Want to Know You

(Words & Music: James Proctor, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, & Rich Thompson 2016)

I've tried in vain a thousand ways
My fears to quell my hopes to raise
But what I need your word has said
Is ever only Jesus

You died you live you reign you plead
There's love in all your words and deeds
This weary heart finds all it needs
In ever only Jesus

*I want to know you Jesus my Lord
King of the Heavens king of my soul
I trade my treasure and all my rewards
Jesus to know you then know you more*

Though some should curse me for your name
I have no fear I have no shame
You stand with me for all my days
My ever only Jesus

Like wave after wave on the ocean
Like all of the sand on the shore
Your beauty and glory are endless
O Jesus I must know you more

Pastoral Prayer

At this time, children ages 4-7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. The leaders will bring the children to children's church and then back to the worship service after the sermon.

Sermon: James 2:1-26

Wisdom for Life from the Book of James

"Faith and Works" - Reverend Matthew Koerber

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ...

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well...

¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! ²⁰Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? ²¹Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son

Isaac on the altar? ²²You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; ²³and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. ²⁴You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? ²⁶For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Matthew 7:18-21 / A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 25:31-36 / "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'"

Romans 4:1-5 / What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness...

Galatians 3:10-12 / For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them."

Creedal Response: Westminster Confession of Faith 16.2

Good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith. By them believers manifest their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, and edify their brethren. They also adorn the profession of the Gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God, whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus. Having their fruit unto holiness, they may have the end, eternal life.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final songs if you are able.

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

(Words: Kate Wilkinson 1925; Music: Daniel Snoke 2018)

May the mind of Christ my Savior
Live in me from day to day
By his love and pow'r controlling
All I do, all I say.
*May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour' to hour'
So that all may see I triumph
Only through his love and powr'
Only through his love and powr'.*

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea.
Him exalting, self removing,
This is my victory.
*May the peace of God, my father,
Rule my life in ev'rything,
That I may be quick to comfort
All the sick and sorrowing,
All the sick and sorrowing.*

May his beauty rest upon me,
As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel,
Seeing him, only him.
*May I run the race before me,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward with him go,
As I onward with him go.*

Come Thou Fount

(Words: Robert Robinson & Martin Madan 1760; Music: Unknown)

Come thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by thy help I'm come,
And I hope by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God.
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be.
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

Prayer

Announcements

At the beginning of announcements parents are dismissed to pick up their children from nursery.

Benediction

Tonight's Evening Service: Dave Snoke will be preaching "Repentance Without Cutoffs" on 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.