



**Sunday Evening Service**  
**November 6, 2022**

# Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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## Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Joe Stehle

### Call to Worship: Psalm 100

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

Leader Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God!

People **It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

People **Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

## Prayer of Invocation

# Endless Light

*(Words & Music: Karl Cashwell & Dean Ussher 2011)*

From the highest throne to the earth below  
You laid down Your life for the likes of us  
Great is the love of the Saviour

From a wounded heart to a life made whole  
Every human heart will declare as one  
Great is the love of the Saviour

*Lord of endless light  
Let Your glory shine forever  
All the earth  
All the earth will sing Your praise*

*Hope of every heart  
Let Your Name be lifted higher  
All our hearts  
All our hearts will sing Your praise*

From the mountain heights to the valleys low  
All created things given life to show  
Jesus we live for Your glory

From the rising sun to the still of night  
Every waking moment for Your delight  
Jesus we live for Your glory

God be exalted  
God be exalted in everything  
We live for Your glory  
Live for Your glory

## **Psalm 103:1 | Bless the Lord**

*(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: Romans 6:1-3**

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Almighty God, you are rich in mercy to all those who call upon you. Hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins and wrongdoings, and asking for your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our actions and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess to you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and strong wills, all of our failures and shortcomings toward you and toward our neighbor. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father, and out of your great goodness grant us the ability and desire to serve you in faithfulness, in the strength of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon: Romans 6:4-5**

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

## **Corporate Prayer**

# Song of Renewal

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## What Wondrous Love Is This

*(Words: Anonymous Music: American Folk Southern Harmony)*

What wondrous love is this  
O my soul O my soul  
What wondrous love is this O my soul  
What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse  
For my soul for my soul  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

When I was sinking down  
Sinking down sinking down  
When I was sinking down sinking down  
When I was sinking down  
Beneath God's righteous frown  
Christ laid aside His crown  
For my soul for my soul  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul

To God and to the Lamb  
I will sing I will sing  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing  
To God and to the Lamb  
Who is the Great I Am  
While millions join the theme  
I will sing I will sing  
While millions join the theme I will sing

And when from death I'm free  
I'll sing on I'll sing on  
And when from death I'm free I'll sing on  
And when from death I'm free  
I'll sing and joyful be  
And through eternity  
I'll sing on I'll sing on  
And through eternity I'll sing on

# Scripture & Homily

1 Corinthians 15:1-34

"Christ Has Been Raised"

- Reverend John McCombs

**N**ow I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ

has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup>When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

<sup>29</sup>Otherwise, what do people mean by being baptized on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf? <sup>30</sup>Why are we in danger every hour? <sup>31</sup>I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! <sup>32</sup>What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” <sup>33</sup>Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” <sup>34</sup>Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## Song of Thanksgiving

### I Know That My Redeemer Lives

*(Words: Samuel Medley 1775 Music: "Duke Street" John Warrington Hatton 1793)*

I know that my Redeemer lives  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives  
He lives He lives who once was dead  
He lives my everlasting Head

He lives my kind wise constant Friend  
Who still will keep me to the end  
He lives and while He lives I'll sing  
Jesus my Prophet Priest and King

He lives to silence all my fears  
He lives to wipe away my tears  
He lives to calm my troubled heart  
He lives all blessings to impart

He lives to bless me with His love  
He lives to lead for me above  
He lives to raise me from the grave  
And me eternally to save

He lives to grant me daily breath  
He lives and I shall conquer death  
He lives all glory to His name  
Jesus unchangeably the same

## Benediction