



Sunday Morning Worship
July 29, 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

Fear is an emotion. It is generally induced when the subject perceives a threat. Phobia is the Greek word for "fear" and can be defined as the "excessive or unreasonable fear of an object, place, or situation".

- Fearof.net, "The Ultimate List of Phobias and Fears"

I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! ... Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

- Jesus of Nazareth, Luke 12:4-5,32

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.*
- *During the 10:15 am service, children 4 – 7 have the option to be dismissed to attend Children's Church.*
- *Children's bulletins are available at the back table for those staying in service.*

Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Matt Koerber

Call to Worship: Isaiah 43:1-7

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

Leader But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

People **When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.**

Leader For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

People **Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life.**

Leader Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you.

People **I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."**

Prayer of Invocation

All Creatures of Our God and King

(Lyrics: St. Francis of Assisi 1225; Music: Lasst Uns Erfreun 16-1900s)

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye souls of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God, and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Scripture Reading: Psalm 82:1-4

Hand of God - Psalm 82

(By Wendell Kimbrough 2017)

The hand of God gave you pow'r to reign
So that you might stand for the weak
He made you judge so the fatherless
And the poor could rest in your strength
But you have left them in darkness
And the earth's foundations shake

*How long O Lord before your justice reigns
Rise up O Lord for you the nations wait*

Behold Our God

(By: Jonathan, Meghan, & Ryan Beird, & Stephen Altrogge 2011)

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

*Behold our God, seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

You will reign forever! (4x)

Call to Confession: Isaiah 30:12-13, 15

Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel, "Because you despise this word and trust in oppression and perverseness and rely on them, therefore this iniquity shall be to you like a breach in a high wall, bulging out and about to collapse, whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant...." For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." But you were unwilling....

Prayer of Confession: Adapted from "Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration"

Holy Father, we confess that we are people who do not trust you. We are stubborn and rebellious, habitually unwilling to hear your loving, fatherly instruction. We have repeatedly despised your words, and even your incarnate Word, Jesus Christ.

When we suffer, we lose confidence that you love us, experience spiritual amnesia, and live as orphans. We trust in our own resources for physical and emotional comfort, health, wealth, success or intimacy. We often rely on the perverseness of abusing food, drink, sexuality or other people to bring us peace. We fail to return to you, frequently do not rest in you, and consistently do not trust you. Father, forgive us.

Lord Jesus what a staggering love you have shown us in the midst of our weakness. You flawlessly trusted your Father on our behalf in your humanity. Because you took on our sin, becoming an orphan as you were abandoned by your Father, we will never be orphans again. Our sins, though like scarlet, are now as white as snow, washed in the cleansing, healing stream of the blood drawn from your veins.

Spirit of God, lead us to the crucified Christ in our weariness and sin. Awaken us to trust and find our refuge in His work on our behalf. Remind us that our true rest and freedom is only found in union with Him.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Baptism: Penelope Martine Carter, Daughter of Ben & Katharine Carter

Question to the Congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

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.

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

(By: Lowell Mason and Isaac Watts)

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Psalm 34

"Deliverance" - Elder Jim Partridge

OF DAVID, WHEN HE CHANGED HIS BEHAVIOR BEFORE ABIMELECH, SO THAT HE DROVE HIM OUT, AND HE WENT AWAY.

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

²My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.

³Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

⁴I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

⁵Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

⁸Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

⁹Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!

¹⁰The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

- ¹¹Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- ¹²What man is there who desires life
and loves many days, that he may see good?
- ¹³Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
- ¹⁴Turn away from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.
- ¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous
and his ears toward their cry.
- ¹⁶The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
- ¹⁷When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- ¹⁸The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.
- ¹⁹Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.
- ²⁰He keeps all his bones;
not one of them is broken.
- ²¹Affliction will slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
- ²²The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.
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Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Joshua 1:8-9 / "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

1 Samuel 21:10-15 / And David rose and fled that day from Saul and went to Achish the king of Gath. And the servants of Achish said to him, "Is not this David the king of the land? Did they not sing to one another of him in dances, 'Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands?'" And David took these words to heart and was much afraid of Achish the king of Gath. So he changed his behavior before them and pretended to be insane in their hands and made marks on the doors of the gate and let his spittle run down his beard. Then Achish said to his servants, "Behold, you see the man is mad. Why then have you brought him to me? Do I lack madmen, that you have brought this fellow to behave as a madman in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?"

Proverbs 1:7 / The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 9:10 / The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Matthew 10:26-31 / "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows."

Hebrews 2:9, 14-15 / But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.... Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

1 Peter 2:2-3 / Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

1 Peter 3:9-13 / Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good?

Creedal Response: Heidelberg Catechism

Q1. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final songs if you are able.

Laden With Guilt

(Lyrics: Isaac Watts 1766; Music: Sandra McCracken 2001)

Laden with guilt and full of fears,
I fly to thee my Lord.
And not a glimpse of hope appears,
But in thy written word
The volumes of my Father's grace,
Does all my griefs assuage.
Here I behold my Savior's face,
In every page.

This is the field where hidden lies
The pearl of price unknown.
That merchant is divinely wise,
Who makes the pearl his own.
Here consecrated water flows,
To quench my thirst of sin;
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows,
No danger dwells within.

This is the judge that ends the strife,
Where wit and reason fail.
My guide to everlasting life,
Through all this gloomy vale.
Oh may thy counsels, mighty God,
My roving feet command,
Nor I forsake the happy road
That leads to thy right hand.

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Gloria - Psalm 34

(By: Mars Hill Music)

I sought for the King.
Then He heard my cry,
And delivered me
From my lonely fears.

They looked unto Him
In His radiance.
All their faces have
Been made unashamed.

Gloria! (4x)

*O, taste and see
That the Lord is good
All you people
All you saints
All you children of the King. (2x)*

Gloria! (4x)

Prayer

Announcements

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

Benediction

Tonight's Evening Service: Reverend John McCombs will preach "O LORD, Deliver My Life" from Psalm 6.

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