



**Sunday Evening Service**  
**July 7, 2024**

*"Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them"*

*-James Baldwin*

# Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church  
Sunday Evening Worship – July 7, 2024  
Presider: Elder Craig Kozminski

## Call to Worship: 1 Peter 1:3-5, 8-9

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

Leader Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again  
to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the  
dead,

People **To an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and  
unfading, kept in heaven for you,**

Leader Who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a  
salvation ready to be revealed in the last time...

People **Though you have not seen him, you love him.**

Leader Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice  
with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,

People **Obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your  
souls.**

## Prayer of Invocation

### Satisfied

*(Words: Clara T. Williams 1875; Music: Karl Digerness 1997; Arranged: Daniel Snoke  
2010)*

All my life long I had panted  
For a drink from some clear spring,  
That I hoped would quench the burning  
Of the thirst I felt within.

*Hallelujah! He has found me.  
The one my soul so long has craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings,  
Through His blood I now am saved.*

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Feeding on the filth around me,  
Till my strength was almost gone,  
Longed my soul for something better,  
Only still to hunger on.

Poor I was, and sought for riches,  
Something that would satisfy,  
But the dust I gathered round me  
Only mocked my soul's sad cry.

Well of water, ever springing,  
Bread of life so rich and free,  
Untold wealth that never faileth,  
My Redeemer is to me.

## **How Deep the Father's Love for Us**

*(Words & Music: Stuart Townend 1995)*

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That he should give his only Son  
To make a wretch his treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns his face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross  
My sin upon his shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts no power no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from his reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

## **Call to Confession: 1 Peter 1:13-16**

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Father, you are perfect in holiness and you dwell in unapproachable light. Our every desire is darkened by sin and even our best deeds are far from perfect. Show us Christ our savior, our righteousness, and our Lord. Give us faith to rest in him.

You have called us your children and you have called us to be holy. We can't be holy on our own. We cannot purify our own hearts and we lack strength to do what is right continually. Show us the power of your Spirit to make dead things live. Give us grace to turn from sin and walk each step with Jesus.

You have promised that you will finish this work and make us new in Jesus. But, our hope is often dim as our minds are darkened by the temptations and failures of this present age. Show us the glory of who we will be in Christ. Give us hope that we might think and live differently. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 1:18-19**

[Know] that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

## **Corporate Prayer**

# Song of Renewal

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## Living Hope

*(Words & Music: Brian Johnson and Phil Wickham 2018)*

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke your name into the night  
Then through the darkness  
Your lovingkindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ, My living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom  
such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

*Hallelujah,  
Praise the One who set me free!  
Hallelujah,  
Death has lost its grip on me!  
You have broken every chain,  
There's salvation in your name  
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

Then came the morning  
That sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Jesus, yours is the victory!

## Scripture & Homily: 1 John 2:28-3:10

### "Family Conduct"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

**A**nd now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. <sup>29</sup>If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.

<sup>3:1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

<sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. <sup>8</sup>Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. <sup>9</sup>No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. <sup>10</sup>By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



# Song of Thanksgiving

## Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

*(Words & Music: Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, & Michael Farren 2018)*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

## Benediction