



Sunday Morning Worship
September 2, 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

In spite of all our fakery, though, Jesus' program remains firm. He saves losers and only losers. He raises the dead and only the dead.

– Robert Farrar Capon

The interior life is often stupid. Its egoism blinds it and deafens it: Its imagination spins out ignorant tales, fascinated. It fancies that the western wind blows on the Self, and leaves fall at the feet of the Self for a reason, and people are watching. A mind risks real ignorance for the sometimes paltry prize of an imagination enriched. The trick of reason is to get the imagination to seize the actual world—if only from time to time.

- Annie Dillard

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 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: Reverend Joseph Bianco

Call to Worship: Matthew 11:25-30

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

Leader [The words of Jesus:] 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.

People **Yes, Father, for such was your gracious will!**

Leader 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,

People **And anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him!**

Leader Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

People **And I will give you rest!**

Leader Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart,

People **And you will find rest for your souls! For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.**

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-5

What a Beautiful Name

(Words & Music: Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood; alternate 2nd verse by Daniel Snoko 2017)

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

*What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King*

*What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

The Light of Life shines in the darkness
And darkness has not overcome
Grace and truth have come through Jesus
And now God has been made known

*What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King*

*What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and shame
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

*What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King*

*What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name

(Word: Edward Perronet 1780; Music: Oliver Holden 1793)

All hail the power of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all

Let every kindred every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all

Call to Confession: Jeremiah 9:23-24

Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD."

Prayer of Confession: Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*, "Pride" by Arthur Bennett

Lord God, let not pride swell our hearts. How can we flaunt ourselves proudly, when every faculty of body and intellect is an undeserved gift from You? We have trampled Your law over and over, and sin's corruption is stamped upon us. Help us to see ourselves the way You see us. Then pride will wither, decay, and die. Humble our hearts before You, and refresh them with Your best gifts. Make us the lowest of the lowly, that our spiritual riches may greatly abound. When we fall, hide us in Jesus' righteousness. When we rise, may we ascribe our deliverance to Your grace. Lord, keep us humble.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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.

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.*

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.

Pastoral Prayer

At this time, children ages 4-7 may be dismissed for children's church. The leaders will bring the children to children's church and then back to the worship service after the sermon.

Sermon: Psalm 30

"Good News for High Achieving Failures" - Reverend Derek Bates

A PSALM OF DAVID. A SONG AT THE DEDICATION OF THE TEMPLE.

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

²O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

³O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

⁴Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.

⁵For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

⁶As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."

⁷By your favor, O LORD,
you made my mountain stand strong;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.

⁸To you, O LORD, I cry,
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:

⁹"What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?

¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!
O LORD, be my helper!"

¹¹You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
you have loosed my sackcloth
and clothed me with gladness,
¹²that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Psalms 121 / I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Proverbs 16:18 / Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

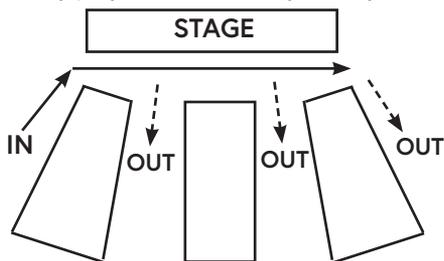
Philippians 2:3-9 / Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name....

James 4:6-10 / But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Communion

City Reformed Church invites all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sins and trust Christ alone for salvation, and who are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. Parents with non-communicating children are encouraged to bring their children forward during communion. The elders will lay a hand on their head and briefly pray for them as they serve you.

Communion will be served by elders to several people at a time at the front of the Church. When you are ready, please proceed up using the left aisle. At the ushers' guidance, you may move forward to receive the elements as a group. We encourage you to exit from the front via the nearest aisle.



Communion is served with wine and with grape juice. The wine is placed in the two outer circles of the communion tray, and the grape juice is placed in the inner circle. Because Jesus used wine during the first communion service, we believe using real wine is beneficial. However, participants are welcome to choose. There is also gluten-free bread available on each plate.

Please join us in song as we celebrate Christ dwelling with his church in the sacrament of communion.

Songs of Communion

Please stand for the final songs if you are able.

Come Ye Sinners

(Words: Joseph Hart 1759; Melody: Southern Harmony Folk 1835)

Come ye sinners, poor and needy
Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity love and pow'r
He is able, He is able
He is willing doubt no more

Come ye weary, heavy laden
Bruised and broken by the Fall
If you tarry 'till you're better
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Come ye thirsty, come and welcome
God's free bounty, glorify
True belief and true repentance
Ever'y grace that brings you nigh
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Let not conscience make you linger
Nor of fitness fondly dream
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him
This He gives you, this He gives you
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! incarnate God ascended
Pleads the merit of His blood
Venture on Him, venture wholly
Let no other trust intrude
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.

Saints and angles joined in concert
Sing the praises of the Lamb
While the blissful seats of heaven
Sweetly echo with His name
"Hallelujah, hallelujah!"
Sinners here may do the same.

Wood and Nails

(Words & Music: Isaac Wardell, Keith Watts, & Madison Cunningham 2017)

O humble carpenter down on your hands and knees
Look on your handiwork and build a house
So you may dwell in Me
So you may dwell in Me

*The work was done with nothing but wood and nails
In Your scar-borne hands
O show me how to work and praise
Trusting that I am Your instrument*

O loving laborer with the sweat upon your face
O build a table that I too may join you
In the father's place
Oh in the Father's place

*The kingdom's come and built upon
Wood and nails gripped with joyfulness
So send me out within Your ways
Knowing that the task is finished*

*The dead will rise and give You praise
Wood and nails will not hold them down
These wooden tombs we'll break them soon
And fashion them into flower beds*

*The curse is done the battle won
Swords bent down into plowshares
Your scar-borne hands we'll join with them
Serving at the table You've prepared*

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.

Doxology

(Words: Thomas Ken 1674; Music: Louis Bourgeois 1510)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer

Announcements

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

Benediction

Tonight's Evening Service: Reverend Joseph Bianco will preach "Responding with Thanksgiving—God is LORD" from Psalm 50.

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