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Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church Sunday Evening Worship – September 4, 2022

Presider: Elder Joe Stehle

Call to Worship: Psalm 115: 1,9-15

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

Leader Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

People O Israel, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield. O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield. You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.

Leader The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron; he will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great.

People May the LORD give you increase, you and your children!

May you be blessed by the LORD, who made heaven and earth!

Prayer of Invocation

Behold Our God

(Words & Music: 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!

I Stand Amazed

(Words & Music: Charles H. Gabriel 1905)

I stand amazed in the presence Of Jesus the Nazarene And wonder how He could love me A sinner condemned unclean

For me it was in the garden He prayed not My will but Thine He had no tears for His own griefs But sweat drops of blood for mine

> How marvelous how wonderful And my song shall ever be How marvelous how wonderful Is my Saviour's love for me

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In pity angels beheld Him And came from the world of light To comfort Him in the sorrows He bore for my soul that night

He took my sins and my sorrows He made them His very own He bore the burden to Calvary And suffered and died alone

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see 'Twill be my joy through the ages To sing of His love for me

Call to Confession: Romans 10:8-10

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we hunger for many things. We bring our needs to you and trust you to provide the bread we need each day. Calm our fears, protect us from evil, strengthen us in doubt, relieve our burdens, heal our diseases. But as we receive these gifts from you, help us to see you more clearly. May we desire not only to receive your gifts, but to know the giver. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 10:11-13

For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Please direct giving online or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).

Eternal Weight of Glory

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2013)

Now the days and hours and moments Of our suff'ring seem so long And the toilsome wait and wond'ring Threaten silence to our song

Now our pain is real and pressing Where our faith is thin and weak But our hope is set on Jesus And we cling to him our strength

> For behold I tell a myst'ry At the trumpet sound we'll wake Death is swallowed up in vict'ry When we meet our King of Grace

Every year we thought was wasted Every night we cried How long All will be a passing moment In our Savior's vict'ry song

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Oh eternal weight of glory
Oh inheritance divine
We will see our Lord redeeming
Every past and future time

All our pains will be transfigured Like the scars of Christ our Lord We will see the weight of glory And our broken years restored

We will see our wounded Savior
We'll behold him face to face
And we'll hear our anguished stories
Sung as vict'ry songs of grace
And all that is broken be healed

Scripture & Homily

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 "Many Gifts, One God"

- Reverend Nameun Cho

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working

of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

Habakkuk 2:18-19 / "What profit is an idol when its maker has shaped it, a metal image, a teacher of lies? For its maker trusts in his own creation when he makes speechless idols! Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake; to a silent stone, Arise! Can this teach? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in it."

Ephesians 2:11-12 / Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 / For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come

Songs of Thanksgiving

For All the Saints

(Words: William W. How 1864 Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

For all the saints,
Who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith
Before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus,
Be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Allelu...

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Thou wast their rock,
Their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain
In the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness
Drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Allelu...

O blest communion, Fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, They in glory shine; Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia, Allelu...

The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest; Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed. Alleluia, Allelu...

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day; The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of glory passes on his way, Alleluia, Allelu...

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Benediction