



**Sunday Evening Commissioning Service:**  
**Andrew and Amy**  
**Jon and Vicky**  
**February 5, 2023**

*"God is pursuing with omnipotent passion a worldwide purpose of gathering joyful worshipers for Himself from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. He has an inexhaustible enthusiasm for the supremacy of His name among the nations. Therefore, let us bring our affections into line with His, and, for the sake of His name, let us renounce the quest for worldly comforts and join His global purpose."*

*- John Piper, "Let the Nations Be Glad"*

# Worship Service

## Participating in the Service this Evening:

Rev. Bill Johnson: *former mission partner, Adjunct Pastor and Chair of CRPC Missions Committee*

John Iseminger: *father of Andrew and father-in-law of Amy*

Christina S.: *NE Mobilizer for the Company*

Ben Chidester: *CRPC member and friend of Jon*

Emily Schartner: *CRPC Missions Committee Liaison for both families*

## CRPC Missions Committee:

Jim Partridge, Chair

Tracy Partridge

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Bill Bolish

Alex Watt

Tisha Woo

Ann Hilton

Katrina Campbell

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Presider: Reverend Bill Johnson

## Call to Worship: Isaiah 45:22-25

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

Leader "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

People **By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.'**

Leader "Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; to him shall come and be ashamed all who were incensed against him.

People **In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall be justified and shall glory."**

## Prayer of Invocation

# 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

## **This I Believe - Apostles' Creed**

(Words & Music: Ben Fielding & Matt Crocker 2014)

Our Father everlasting  
The all creating One  
God Almighty  
Through Your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Saviour

*I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

Our judge and our defender  
Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high

*I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

## **Call to Confession: Isaiah 12:3-6**

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. "Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

## Prayer of Confession:

Holy Father, we must confess before you that making your deeds known to those around us and seeking to exalt your great name is not high on our agenda. We are far too enamored with the details of our little lives. Lord Jesus, we confess that rather than draw the waters of salvation from the well that is You, we instead draw from our own broken cisterns. Spirit of God, would you well up in us and make us those who shout and sing for joy, for the Holy One of Israel is in our midst. Forgive us, Triune God, when we lose this perspective. Amen.

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 6:6-7

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

### Missions Update: Jon and Vicky

## 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](http://cityreformed.org/give); 3929 Coleman St., 15207).*

## Facing A Task Unfinished

*(Words & Music: Ed Cash, Fionan DeBarra, and Keith Getty 2013)*

Facing a task unfinished  
That drives us to our knees  
A need that undiminished  
Rebukes our slothful ease  
We who rejoice to know Thee  
Renew before Thy throne  
The solemn pledge we owe Thee  
To go and make Thee known

Where other lords beside Thee  
Hold their unhindered sway  
Where forces that defied Thee  
Defy Thee still today  
With none to heed their crying  
For life and love and light  
Unnumbered souls are dying  
And pass into the night

*We go to all the world  
With (His) kingdom hope unfurled  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ The Lord*

We bear the torch that flaming  
Fell from the hands of those  
Who gave their lives proclaiming  
That Jesus died and rose  
Ours is the same commission  
The same glad message ours  
Fired by the same ambition  
To Thee we yield our powers

O Father who sustained them  
O Spirit who inspired  
Saviour whose love constrained them  
To toil with zeal untired  
From cowardice defend us  
From lethargy awake  
Forth on Thine errands send us  
To labour for Thy sake

# Scripture & Homily

3 John 1-8

"Going and Sending for the Glory of the Name"

-Elder Jim Partridge

**T**he elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul. <sup>3</sup>For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers came and testified to your truth, as indeed you are walking in the truth. <sup>4</sup>I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth. <sup>5</sup>Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, <sup>6</sup>who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. <sup>7</sup>For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. <sup>8</sup>Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.

## Additional Scripture

Isaiah 42:8 / I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

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Acts 4:12 / " And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

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Philippians 2:9-11 / Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Titus 3:13 / Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing.

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# Song of Thanksgiving

## 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!

You will reign forever! (2x)  
(Let your glory fill the earth)

## Commissioning of Andrew and Amy

### Benediction