



Sunday Evening Worship
January 13, 2019

Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us for worship today. Please feel free to stick around after the service and ask questions about who we are and what we do! If you would like more information, please refer to our print newsletter, *City This Month*, or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Reflections

When Peter writes to the church about faith and trust in the providence of God in the midst of suffering, he is speaking not in abstract terms but from the vantage point of one who has been called personally to endure such sufferings himself... A letter from a man such as this is a treasure for the church.

- RC Sproul

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
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Sunday Evening Worship Service

6:30PM
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Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

Call to Worship: Isaiah 52:13-15

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

Leader Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.

People **As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so
marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that
of the children of mankind—**

Leader So shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths
because of him;

People **For that which has not been told them they see, and that
which they have not heard they understand.**

Prayer of Invocation

Rejoice In All Your Works - Psalm 104

(Words & Music: Leslie Jordan, Kyle Lee, and David Leonard 2012)

Every mouth that cries for food,
Every lung that yearns for breath,
Every eye that searches through the dark for light—
All creation looks to you
For its breath and for its food.
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

*Oh rejoice in all your works,
King of Heaven, King of Earth!
Every creature you have made declares your praise.
We rejoice in all you've made,
God of all-sustaining grace!
With the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise!*

Every tree that thirsts for rain,
Every bird that seeks its nest,
Every heart that waits in hope to be made glad—
All creation looks to you
For its breath and for its food.
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied

May the pond'rings of my heart,
And the song upon my lips,
With the chorus of creation join in praise:
To the God who made all things,
To the Spirit who sustains,
To the Son who over all creation reigns!

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:20-21

I Want to Know You

(Words & Music: James Proctor, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, & Rich Thompson 2016)

I've tried in vain a thousand ways
My fears to quell my hopes to raise
But what I need your word has said
Is ever only Jesus

You died you live you reign you plead
There's love in all your words and deeds
This weary heart finds all it needs
In ever only Jesus

*I want to know you Jesus my Lord
King of the Heavens king of my soul
I trade my treasure and all my rewards
Jesus to know you then know you more*

Though some should curse me for your name
I have no fear I have no shame
You stand with me for all my days
My ever only Jesus

Like wave after wave on the ocean
Like all of the sand on the shore
Your beauty and glory are endless
O Jesus I must know you more

Call to Confession: Psalm 51:1-2

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 51:3-9

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Corinthians 6:11

And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Song of Renewal

Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted

(Words: Joseph Swain 1785; Music: Kevin Twit 2013)

Come ye souls by sin afflicted
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down;
By the broken law convicted
Through the cross behold the crown;
Look to Jesus (3x)
Mercy flows through Him alone.

Take His easy yoke and wear it;
Love will make your obedience sweet;
Christ will give you strength to bear it,
While His grace shall guide your feet
Safe to glory (3x)
Where His ransomed captives meet.

Blessèd are the eyes that see Him,
Blest the ears that hear His voice;
Blessèd are the souls that trust Him,
And in Him alone rejoice;
His commandments (3x)
Then become their happy choice.

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary,
Light to newly opened eyes,
Like full springs in deserts dreary,
Is the rest the cross supplies;
All who taste it (3x)
Shall to rest immortal rise.

Look to Jesus (3x)
Mercy flows through Him alone.

Corporate & Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: 1 Peter 1:1-2

"A Word for Elect Exiles" - Reverend John McCombs

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ²according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:

May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Acts 2:23 / ...this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

Romans 15:18 / For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed....

1 Thessalonians 4:3 / For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality....

Hebrews 10:22 / ...let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 12:24 / ...and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

1 Peter 1:17 / And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile....

1 Peter 2:11 / Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

Song of Thanksgiving

How Firm A Foundation

(Words: R. Keene and George Keith 1787; Arranged: Daniel Snoke 2018)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to break,
I will never, no never, no never forsake."

Prayer

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