



Sunday Morning Worship
January 20, 2019

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

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

- Proverbs 9:10

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.*
- *A Cry Room is available during the service off the foyer.*
- *Children's bulletins are available at the side table for those staying in service.*
- *During the service, children 4 – 7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church.*

Worship Service

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Presider: Dave Nameun Cho

Call to Worship: Psalm 111

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

Leader Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

People **Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.**

Leader Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

People **He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.**

Leader He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

People **The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

Leader He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

People **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!**

Prayer of Invocation

Saved My Soul

(Words & Music: Dustin R. Smith, James Ferguson, & Rich Thompson 2016)

*You my God have saved my soul
I am Yours forevermore
I won't be moved of this I'm sure
You are my God and You saved my soul*

I was lost when You came for me
Held in chains by the enemy
But You broke them in victory
Now I'm free I am free

You're my joy and You are my hope
I am saved by Your grace alone
I will sing of Your love for me
I am free I am free

Now I stand with the Kings of kings
He has paid for my every sin
And from now through eternity
I am free I am free

What once was dead is now alive
You gave to me the breath of life
You brought me up out from the grave
I'm bursting out with songs of praise

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

It Is Well With My Soul

(Words: Horatio G. Spafford 1873; Music: Philip P. Bliss 1876)

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea-billows roll,
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blessed assurance control:
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

It is well with my soul

It is well, it is well with my soul!

My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought!—
My sin not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day, when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul!

Bless The Lord (Psalm 103:1)

(Words & Music: Taizé: Jacques Berthier 1923-1994)

Bless the Lord, my soul
And bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul
Who leads me into life

Call to Confession: Colossians 3:1-2

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Prayer of Confession

Father, you are wise beyond our understanding and unlimited in your knowledge. True wisdom comes from honoring you. And yet we confess that we are often wise in our own eyes. We ask questions that keep you at a distance. We exalt ourselves and boast in our learning. We also become lazy in our thinking and shallow in our understanding.

Forgive us and change us. Teach us to be truly wise as we live in Christ. Give us new eyes to see the world and new hearts that we would love you with all of our mind and all of our strength. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 3:3-4

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

During this song we will pass offering bags through the congregation. We ask that our members and regular attendees 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.

Man of Sorrows

(Words & Music: Matt Crocker & Brooke Ligertwood 2012)

Man of sorrows Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid

Silent as He stood accused
Beaten mocked and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns

*Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honor unto Thee*

Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree

Now my debt is paid
It is paid in full
By the precious blood
That my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin
Has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed

See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah God be praised
He's risen from the grave

Pastoral Prayer

At this time, children ages 4-7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. The leaders will bring the children to children's church and then back to the worship service after the sermon.

Sermon: James 3:13-18

Wisdom for Life from the Book of James

"Wisdom from Above" - Reverend Matt Koerber

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Matthew 12:33-37 / "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

1 Corinthians 1:18-20 / For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

James 1:21-22 / Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

James 1:26-27 / If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q1. What is the chief end of man?

A. **Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.**

Songs of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final songs if you are able.

Jesus With Thy Church Abide

(Words: Thomas Pollock 1871; Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

Jesus, with Thy Church abide,
Be her Savior, Lord, and Guide,
While on earth her faith is tried:
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

Bid our strife and envy cease,
Grant the lovely gift of peace:
All her dreadful sin release.
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

Keep her life and doctrine pure,
Help her, patient, to endure,
Trusting in Thy promise sure:
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

May she one in doctrine be,
One in truth and charity,
Winning all to faith in Thee:
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

May she guide the poor and blind,
Seek the lost until she find,
And the broken hearted bind:
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

May she thus all glorious be,
Spotless and from sin borne free,
Pure and bright, bring praise to Thee:
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

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.

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 "God will Finish " on 1 Peter 1:3-12.